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## WRIGHT ON

By: Jerry Wright

The January Meeting at Alfa Romeo Inc. was very exciting and successful. I hope this kind of enthusiasm at our meetings will continue throughout the year.

I would like to thank our generous hosts, Alfa Romeo Inc., for again donating their facilities and help. I also wish to thank Kendon Alfa for their outstanding grand prize.

Mr. Peter DePaulo, our guest speaker, was a huge success. He discussed his victory at Indianapolis in 1925, his trip to Italy and his racing career. We all owe him a big thank you for the interesting program. Thanks goes also to Mark Parkinson and Blake Morris for their efforts in twisting Mr. DePaulo's arm to speak at the January meeting.

Hal Croulet, your membership chairman, is busy compiling the information you have supplied regarding your Alfa. If you did not get a chance to complete the questionnaire at the January meeting, a copy is included in this newsletter. It should be completed and returned at the February General Membership Meeting or mailed to the P.O. box.

The calendar for the 1976 year is starting to take shape. Charlie Thieriot and Blake Morris are busy planning the technical sessions which will be an added in-

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February 20, 1976 8:00 p.m.

Dan Sullivan, Chief of Emergency for Cal-Club - SCCA and Ralph Baldwin, SCCA Paramedic, will present a program on safety equipment and procedures for street and track. SEE YOU THERE !

## \$ DUES DUE\$

Just a reminder that this will be your last newsletter if you have not paid your dues for 1976. As you can see we have many events coming up this year that you won't want to miss. Please get your dues in now!!



A bit of late information: The Brabham cars are scheduled to show up with Alfa flat-12 engines at the Long Beach Grand Prix. See you there!



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terest to this year's activities. There will be general sessions of technical advice which will be free to any club member. The first of these will be March 13 with the facility to be announced. Some of the sessions this year will be by reservation only and will get more detailed about certain technical information. Since we will need to reserve garage space for the special sessions, a small fee will be charged. I think this aspect of this year's activities will be fun and informative. For lovers of Alfas, like myself, the more I know about the operation of my automobile the more I enjoy it.

Rallies are another part of this year's program that we plan to expand. So far Sid Keely has been busy co-ordinating and planning the season. Club sponsored activities will include an April Fool's Gimmick Rally being organized by Bear Clemente and Charlie, a summer Orange County beach area rally organized by Craig Lindsey and Bob Meadows, and a fall rally organized by Tom Suter and John Samson. Be sure to watch the Calendar of Events for these upcoming events. Sid, your rally chairman, is also very busy in non-sponsored club rallies. He would like to see a team of Alfas participate in other clubs' rallies. Coming up there is a two day rally from Los Angeles to Las Vegas planned for March with entry by the end of February. If anyone is interested or would like more information please let me know.

Congratulations to Henri and Debbie Laborde for the fine work they did on the January issue of the Alfacionada. Believe me, it is alot of work and we all appreciate receiving the news of the club.

Tours are on the move. Blake and Gerolyn Morris have committed themselves to being tourmaster to the Renaissance Pleasure Faire. Plans are for a family event with picnic and day of fun. Sid and Beth Keely have plans to lead a tour to the San Diego area, with bus across the border to the Jai Lai games. I hope more members would be interested in planning a fun day tour. Let me know your plans for the year's calendar.

Wright On cont.

Rick Clemente has been busy lining up a program for each meeting. The February meeting will consist of a speaker concerning safety of the Alfa. Other programs in the works are for rallying and restoration of your car. If you have a suggestion for a program, please let us know.

The Time Trial program is well underway with drivers signing for the first race and purchasing their licenses for the year '76. The February Time Trial will be my second time on the race track and I will be looking forward to it.

See you at the Clubhouse Friday, Feb. 20 with your suggestions and comments for a successful year.



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 14 & 15	SCCA National Races Riverside Raceway
Feb. 20	AROSC General Meet. 8:00 PM Little Lake Park, Santa Fe Springs
Feb. 28	AROSC-Otto Zipper Time Trial, Riverside Raceway
Feb. 29	Open Slalom; El Conejo & Lotus West Clubs Jungleland, Thousand Oaks
Mar. 6 & 7	Solo I School Riverside Raceway
Mar. 13	AROSC Tech Session 2:00 PM Subject: Engine Basics. Loc. to be announced
Mar. 19	AROSC General Meet. 8:00 PM Little Lake Park, Santa Fe Springs
Mar. 26-28	Long Beach Grand Prix F-1 Long Beach
April 3	AROSC "April Fool" Rally and party. Location to be ann.
April 4	Open Slalom; Arrow- head Foreign Car Club Heliport in San Bern.



### ALFA QUESTIONNAIRE

The club membership roll needs to be updated regarding general information and interest of AROSC members. By completing this questionnaire regarding your Alfa, we hope to provide a working file of information to assist YOU, the Alfa owner, with information of mutual interest. Thank You.  
Hal Croulet, Membership Chairman

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in restoring an Alfa? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what model \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in technical sessions? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what topics of interest would you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you like to tour in the Southern California area? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe briefly how you use your Alfa:(transportation, display, racing, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted by other club members needing technical help or part exchange? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List any personalized license plates you have for your Alfa: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any interest in working with the newsletter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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Alfa Technical Report  
by Blake Morris

Charlie Thieriot and I are planning a series of tech sessions on various subjects. We need your questions and suggestions to give us direction. So call or write Charlie or me and we'll go from there.

Initially we've planned a basic session on how things work. We're also planning a session of quick fixes or what to do if you're stuck away from home. Both sessions are slanted toward our less technically inclined members with special emphasis on the ladies.

Again, please, Charlie and I want to start collecting questions and topics for articles and rap sessions, so let us hear from you.

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TIME TALES  
by John Samson

I must admit to an error in the listings of course records for the Time Trials. The December '75 issue showed the Class "D" record in the hands of yours truly. Thanks to an alert reader the embarrassing error was pointed out to me. I am in the process of sorting out the data, but the record will be held by either Tom Hines or Rick Clemente.

The TIME CLOCK Solo Magazine had a nice article on the last event of 1975. The title lists our club as Alpha Romeo; the editor was very sorry and promises never to do it again.  
The first Time Trial for '76 will be held on February 28 at Riverside Raceway. The schedule is as follows:

Gate Opens..... 7:00 AM  
Tech Inspection..... 7:30-9:00  
Mandatory Drivers Meeting.... 8:30  
Novice Orientation ..... 8:45-9:15  
1st Practice Session..... 9:30  
Lunch & Demonstration Run  
of the Zipper Can Am Alfa 33.. Noon  
Timed Runs..... 1:00 PM  
Awards..... 5:00

Be there! As a spectator, worker or entrant you'll enjoy the Alfa activity with your fellow club members. Bring a lunch and be prepared for any kind of weather--remember, Riverside in February can be wet and cold or dry and hot or any combination thereof.

Rumors of new cars for the '76 events abound--here are a few:

Dave Vegher is putting together a super light weight silhouette GTV with a 4 valve 2 liter engine to assault the Class A cars.

Tom Hines is dropping a 4 valve 2 liter engine in a GTV and will scoot around on big Perilli "street tires" in Class A or B.

Art Canning has added many improvements to his Spider to give the Class D competitors a run for their awards. "Bear" Clemente has welded a 1750 injected motor in a Super body and promises to give Class D some real competition.

If you like noisy Alfas or are just plain car nuts be there, RIR February 28 SATURDAY. For an entry blank refer to the January '76 Newsletter. If you have any questions call Bill or Joan Kohl at (714) 595-2422 or John or Carol Samson at (213) 426-6761.



COMPETITION REPORT  
by Tom Sutter

As I begin this column for the first time, I feel it useful to review the AROSC competition program and its scope and objectives. The AROSC



competition program originated out of an assumption with which most Alfa owners will probably agree--that an Alfa is not just a basic transportation car. As soon as you get behind the wheel your Alfa cries out to be driven for enjoyment. Some of us find this enjoyment in relatively mundane ways, such as driving through a beautiful section of mountain scenery, with the Alfa's handling and responsiveness making the driving a pleasure rather than a chore. Other people find that they are challenged to find the Alfa's limits--and their own. This often shows up in personal records for freeway on-ramp speed, time from Big Bear to San Bernadino, etc. Still other people find that their Alfa fits naturally into their competitive spirit and desire to be "better than the other guy".

Some years ago AROSC recognized that many of our members fall into these last two categories with varying degrees of desire and because of limitations of time, finances, etc., many of these people have no outlet for their desires other than the public highway. For a variety of rather obvious reasons this is not a particularly satisfactory solution, so the AROSC competition program was born. Our program has two main objectives: To provide a competitive outlet which will provide all Alfa owners a maximum of enjoyment and safety with a minimum investment of time and money, and to provide a forum for Alfa owner socializing and recognition.

After all the preliminaries, I think it's time to discuss the various events in the AROSC competition program. Since they fall into a different category I will not discuss the AROSC program of tours, tech.sessions, parties, etc. But keep your eyes on the Calendar of Events for these. In alphabetical order the competition program consists of:

Concours: This somewhat specialized form of competition which can be described in over-simplified terms as an

auto beauty contest has enjoyed relatively little interest within the club and the Alfa Pacifica event is the only one in recent years for which we have had points awarded. However, a large and growing number of members are restoring older Alfas, so this program could become active if enough interest exists.

Racing: AROSC points are awarded based on performance in recognized racing (SCCA, IMSA, etc.) in an Alfa or Alfa-powered car.

Rallies: We are providing a series of low-pressure fun rallies (four are planned) followed by casual parties. These events are fun for the whole family.

Slaloms: Points are awarded based on performance in the SCCSCC Championship slaloms. They are low-speed "parking-lot" time trials on courses marked by traffic cones. They have the advantage that the consequences of "over-enthusiasm" are damaging only to your ego.

Solo I: These events are staged on regular racetracks such as Riverside by SCCA and involve racing against the clock. Although the investment of time and money required is substantial, it is cheaper than actual racing and can be a good training ground for those wanting to race.

AROSC Time Trials: These events are similar to Solo I events except for several important differences. They are limited to Alfas only and a class system has been established which is based on the Alfa model driven and the number of "go fast" modifications which have been made to the car. This permits an absolutely stock Alfa to be competitively driven at speed. The relatively minor outlay for the required safety equipment makes this about the best bargain around for those interested in high-speed competition.

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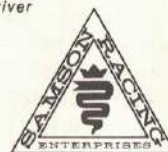
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