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## WRIGHT ON

By: Jerry Wright

The February General Meeting was very interesting with Dan Sullivan, Chief of Emergencies and Track Safety, giving us a real insight of the precautions the workers at the track have to take in order to render aid to cars in trouble. His program also included much useful information on proper safety equipment for the street car. I personally would like to thank Dan for presenting such an interesting and useful program. All of the hard work in organizing the program was done by your program chairman, Rick Clemente. Keep up the good work.

The March meeting program will be on Alfa car restoration. Here is your opportunity to learn how to restore your old Alfa. I hope to learn many tips for my own SS. This program will be something new and different in our hopes to present a broader program for the 1976 year.

There will be an April Fool rally the third of April at 6pm, Saturday at the corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Calif. Ave. in the city of Venice. The first car out at 6 pm. This rally will be a fun type with no traps or super tricky instructions.

The club house has been very crowded, which is good, but it brings up a good point. The Board has been looking into a new meeting place with more room for everyone to sit down during the meetings. Let's hear your ideas on the subject.




March 19, 1976

8:00 PM

The March meeting will be on restoration. Those of you with older Alfas be there and learn some of the tricks of the trade.

Wright on cont.

The Time Trial at Riverside was a huge success. The Montreal was one of the many high points of the Time Trial. There were 44 cars doing their thing for a great day of fun in the sun. The membership is up to 240 members now. I would like to see 300 by June. The board is going to be mailing out the newsletter by bulk mail in the future in order to save money on postage. This new mailing procedure will not affect the delivery of the club news to your door.

Four couples are planning to participate in the Las Vegas 10-hour Rally to represent AROSC. Good Luck Gang. 



## OTTO ZIPPER TIME TRIAL

by John Samson

The engine of my 2000 was throbbing as I sat at re-entry waiting to start the final "clean-up" practice. I relaxed in the bucket-seat and reflected on all the planning that went into an event of this size. Forty-seven drivers, of which twelve were novices, came to Riverside from as far as Redding, California to have a good fast time while depending on us to provide the organization and equipment.

This was the biggest event second only to Alfa Pacifica, which had 48 entrants. AROSC has added 48 driver hours and 1363 competition miles to its already impressive total.

The cars included a Montreal, Alfetta GT Alfetta sedan, 2000-1750 and 1600 GTV's and Spiders, 1300 Spiders and a 1300 Sprint. It was a great collection of Alfa, especially the Montreal. This silver beauty had been driven down from the San Francisco area to compete in our event.

The only incident of the day was an attempted bank shot through turn 6. The driver found that the wall at 6 was less pliable than the fender of his GTV. The car was drivable and in fact took a 2nd place in class F.

Four of the class battles were decided by less than one second, the competition was close to say the least. If one reviews the results it is interesting to see that 18 drivers posted their best time on their 4th and final lap. This is more evidence that consecutive laps lead to faster and I believe, safer laps.

Total time of the day was taken by a beautifully prepared 1300 Spider driven by SCCA National driver, Al Leake, Jr. He has just moved to Los Angeles from NORCAL and we are glad to have him in our ranks.

The Nort Tijuana Race Team (alais Alfa Owners of San Deigo) took their usual share of hardware. Two 1st place trophies are now decorating the walls in the Biggs' and Swears' haciendas.

At the end of the day we were treated by the presence of Mr. Zipper's girl friday, Karen, who graciously handed the trophies to the winners. I must say she was not only attractive and pleasant but was a great help to the Chief Flagger, "Bear" Clemente, in keeping track of the lap numbers. Mr. Zipper you are lucky to have such a gracious ambassador for your firm.

The question of whether the term "spoiler" included a front air dam was raised. On referring to the Road & Track Jan. issue, the term spoiler was clearly defined to include an air dam. The 1975 and 1976 IMSA Codes both use the terms synonymously. Therefore, the device on the front of the Cannone Super was included in the term spoiler and the added points put the car in Class E.

Special mention must be made of the unselfish workers who spent the whole day so the drivers could run: Rick Lansing, Tom Suter, Hal Croulet, Chris Boles, Rick Clemente, Joan Kohl and Carol Samson. Also thanks to the following drivers who worked extra: Alan Ward (instructor), Allen Gott (Tech.), Dave Vegher (Tech.), and Joe Cannone who spends so much time giving free advice that keeps so many cars going. And last but certainly not least, Otto Zipper who contributed \$200.00 to help defray the cost of the event. Without our sponsors we could not have a time trial program. When it comes time for a new Alfa, parts or service remember the dealers that support AROSC.

You will find an entry blank in this issue for the April event. Enter early and be sure of a place on the grid, absolute maximum entry 48 drivers. Don't be disappointed.

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ENTRY FORM FOR A.R.O.S.C. TIME TRIAL # 2

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TRACK ORIENTATION FOR NOVICES 8:45 to 9:15 am  
TRACK OPEN FOR PRACTICE 9:30 am  
LUNCH noon to 1 pm  
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<b>Class Z</b>							
1. J. Neuman	1600 GTV	1:50.65	9	4. B. Meadows	2000 GTV	1:59.22	3
2. B. Barlow	1600 GTV	1:50.87	6	5. J. Allen	2000 Spid.	2:00.90	
3. D. Barlow	1600 GTV	1:56.73	4	6. C. Lee	1600 GTV	2:11.17	
<b>Class A/B</b>				<b>Class F</b>			
1. J. Samson	2000 GTV	1:46.37	9	1. D. Swears	1600 Spid.	1:58.83	9
2. B. Kohl	1750 Spid.	1:46.91	6	2. T. Hines	1750 GTV	1:59.77	6
<b>Class C</b>				3. W. Williams	2000 GTV	2:00.75	4
1. A. Leake	1300 Spid.	1:45.30	9	4. A. Gordon	1750 GTV	2:01.00	3
2. S. Kohl	1300 Spid.	1:48.02	6	5. B. Gordon	1750 GTV	2:03.18	2
3. B. Green	Montreal	1:50.60	4	6. A. Gott	2000 GTV	2:03.80	1
4. D. Rice	1300 Spid.	1:51.67	3	7. W. Hines	1750 GTV	2:08.78	
<b>Class CW</b>				8. D. Egle	2000 GTV	2:08.83	
1. J. Heitz	Montreal	1:53.35	9	9. N. Borsoni	2000 GTV	2:11.19	
2. K. Rice	1300 Spid.	1:57.68	6	<b>Class G</b>			
<b>Class D</b>				1. B. Biggs	1750 Spid.	2:00.23	9
M. Hanson &	1750 GTV	DNR		2. D. Vegher	Alf. GT	2:00.81	6
P. Guiral				3. R. Settle	Alf. GT	2:01.93	4
<b>Class EW</b>				4. J. Wright	1750 GTV	2:04.58	3
1. P. Gaylord	2000 GTV	1:59.64	9	5. F. Zimmerman	1600 Sprt.	2:11.26	2
2. K. Cannone	1300 Sup.	2:01.58	6	6. R. Perez	1600 Spid.	2:26.02	1
3. L. Boles	1600 GTV	2:01.84	4	<b>Class H</b>			
<b>Class E</b>				1. B. Barlow	1750 Ber.	2:04.65	9
1. A. Ward	2000 GTV	1:55.20	9	2. R. Settle	Alf. Sed.	2:06.43	6
2. J. Cannone	1300 Sup.	1:57.82	6	3. D. Vegher	Alf. Sed.	2:07.65	4
3. A. Canning	2000 Spid.	1:58.56	4	4. C. Rocco	1600 GTV	2:10.90	3

## COMPETITION REPORT

By: Tom Suter

The big news for my column this month concerns the Long Beach Grand Prix on March 26-28. Among the Formula One cars competing will be two Brabhams powered by Alfa flat-12 engines, which should be enough to justify the cost of a ticket for an Alfa enthusiast.

In the season's initial race, the Brazilian Grand Prix, there were a number of teething problems which hopefully will be resolved before the cars arrive for the LBGP. Many people may be unaware that the Formula One engines are different from the flat-12 engines which have been running so well in the Alfa racing sports cars for several years. According to one of the English auto magazines, Alfa has completely redesigned the engine in an attempt to make it better suited to a Formula

One chassis. The Brabham team must feel that the Alfa engine is the way to go, since they have reportedly sold all of their chassis which take the Cosworth V-8 engine.

Switching to the local club scene, I would like to continue last month's column. At that time I discussed the various events in the AROSC competition program, and now it seems appropriate to get into the recognition process.

Obviously, many people derive alot of self-satisfaction just from competing and even more from doing well. However, almost everyone relates most strongly to recognition from other people. This is a normal human reaction and applies to almost any field you can name. For this reason, AROSC awards trophies in each of the categories of our competition program.



Comp. report cont.

The number of trophies is proportional to the number of entrants in each category, so that everyone has a chance for recognition which is independent of the number of people competing in that particular category. In the categories such as rallies and Time Trials where AROSC organizes the event for which points are awarded, we automatically record everyone's results. In the categories such as Solo I and racing where another group organizes the event, it is the responsibility of the individual to send a copy of the official results to the AROSC Competition Director if it is desired that points be recorded. Since the point system is described in detail in the printed AROSC 1976 Competition Code, I won't bother to discuss it here. If you want to study the details of the competition program, pick up a copy of the Competition Code at one of the meetings.

An upcoming event which may be of special interest to those interested in the competition program will occur at the IMSA Camel GT and Radial Challenge on May 8-9 at Ontario. In conjunction with the races, there will be a slalom organized along the lines of the International Race of Champions. One male and one female from each of the sports car clubs in the L.A. area will compete in identical cars. Eliminations will be on Saturday and the finals will be on Sunday on a slalom course laid out on the main straightway. Representing AROSC will be Lisa Boles and Dick Harmon, who were unanimously selected by the AROSC Board because they were the top slalom drivers in our 1975 points standings.

As you may have already noticed in the Calendar of Events, the first AROSC Rally of 1976 is scheduled for April 3 at 6PM. Rallymasters, Charlie Thieriot and "Bear" Clemente have promised that their "April Fool" rally will be a low-pressure run with fun for the whole family. The finish will be at a pizza parlor to provide plenty of time for bench racing and an opportunity for the entrants to tar and feather the rallymasters.

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|-----------|---|
| Mar 19    | AROSC General Meeting<br>8PM-Little Lake Park                     |
| Mar 20-21 | Solo I Championship<br>Willow Springs Raceway                     |
| Mar 21    | Open Slalom, Mestizo Club<br>Ontario Raceway                      |
| Mar 26-28 | Long Beach Grand Prix   |
| Apr 3     | AROSC "April Fool" Rally<br>6PM Venice, CA<br>Lincoln & Calif Ave |
| Apr 10-11 | Solo I School<br>Riverside Raceway                                |
| Apr 16    | AROSC General Meeting<br>8PM-Little Lake Park                     |
| Apr 17-18 | Old-Timers Race<br>Willow Springs Raceway                         |
| Apr 24    | AROSC-Econo Imports<br>TIME TRIAL #2<br>Riverside Raceway         |

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