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## **Our Cover This Month**

*Top: Carlo Chiti's '69 GTAm attracts attention in the paddock at Willow Springs. See articles/photos pages 12-18. This photo by Happy Colby. Bottom: Susan and Joyce (center) get on the nose of an Agua Ducla tasting while Erwin and Evelyn (left) solve the problems of the world. MJ Kutkus photo.*

**Errata:** *The Editors wish to correct the following misinformation: On the September cover we announced coverage of the 2013 Monterey events. We were unable to secure those at presstime and were forced to make do with the events of 2012. We regret any disappointment this may have caused.*

# AROSC Board of Directors — 2012

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## Previews ... *What's coming up and when.*

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**October 13** – Cars & Coffee gathering, private garage tour, General Meeting, then pot-luck brunch. RSVPs required. See opposite for details.

**November 4** – Best of France & Italy, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Includes the year's third and final concours. Info on pages 20-21.

**November 10** – White Turkey Party and Board Election results, plus General Meeting, at Italspeed in South L.A. Details on page 11.

**November 17-18** – Race/TT weekend, Streets of Willow. See info page 9.

**December 8** – Holiday Party! More info to come. Details on page 24.

**January 2013** – Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet, date and location TBA.



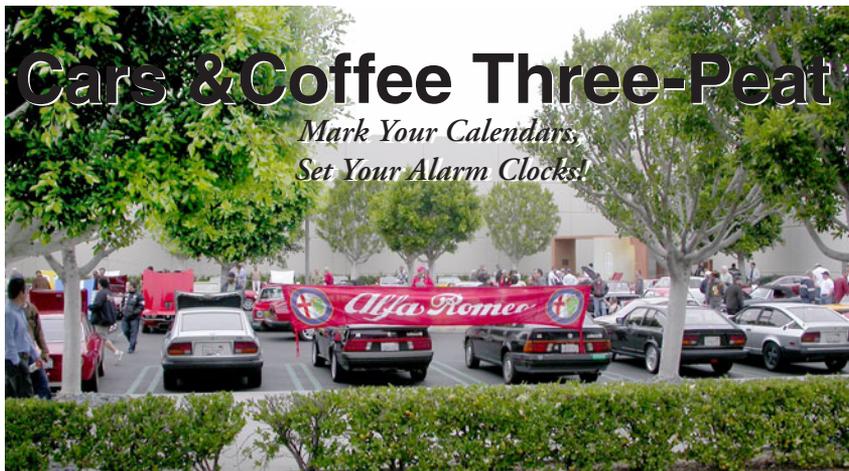
Note: Board of Directors meetings are generally held on the last Wednesday of the month. Anyone with business to bring before the Board is requested to please contact II Presidente Mike Riehle.



*A GTV hammers up the hill at Willow Springs. Steve Edelman photo.*

# Cars & Coffee Three-Peat

*Mark Your Calendars,  
Set Your Alarm Clocks!*



Our 2012 Alfa Romeo Day at Cars & Coffee in Irvine, is Saturday, October 13! Chapter members: we need your RSVP to [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org) if you are attending Part 2 or 3!!

## **Part 1**

We have 45 spaces in the featured marque parking area, which will be filled up by 6:45 a.m. There will, of course, be other spaces in the rest of the lot, but those 350 or so will be filled up by 7:00 a.m. We kid you not! So commit to banking sleep during the week and getting you and your Alfa organized for some of the best eye-opener activity in the region.

The weather will be changeable so sunscreen, a windbreaker and hat are recommended for the parking lot. Bring your own "first cup" of coffee for when you arrive, finish it off, and you get a refill for just \$1. A selection of pastries and fruit is available while supplies last. Restrooms are available inside the Taco Bell corporate headquarters on the south side of the property. You need to walk a block or so, but there are signs to direct you.

This portion of the day is open to all Alfa owners, and we will also be October 2012

extending the invitation to Central Coast, Orange County and San Diego chapter members.

## **Part 2**

At approximately 8:15 we will depart for a private collection/garage tour. The facility is located in nearby Fountain Valley and driving instructions will be provided to those who have RSVPed. This portion of the day is for Alfa Club members only. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the Barretts at [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org). Please key Cars & Coffee Collection into the subject line of your email.

## **Part 3**

At approximately 10:00 we will depart for a Club Brunch and October General Meeting. This part of the day is strictly for AROSC members only. We will be dining at a private residence, and brunch this year is pot-luck! RSVP to the Barretts at [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org) is mandatory so our hostess can coordinate the menu. Please key Cars & Coffee Brunch into the subject line of your email and include your telephone number. We look forward to seeing you all there!

*– Jim, Elyse & Cody Barrett*

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

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Those of you who missed the 50/40 Anniversary Jubilee at Willow Springs Raceway missed some HOT weather and some HOT cars. We had a great turnout of Alfa racers and Alfa enthusiast spectators alike. We drove the Sprint (air conditioning is for wimps!) and participated in several parade laps at lunch. We were gridded behind an 8C Competizione, so I expect our car will be in the background of several pictures. Suffice to say, the parade laps were spirited for a sub-100 hp car; not so much for the 8C Competizione. In fact, the whole run group would pull away from us going up the hill.

Can't say the Sprint ran perfectly this trip as the starter just couldn't handle the desert heat. I could turn the key and battery voltage would drop precipitously, but nothing would happen, not even a click. Perhaps it was a simple matter of heat prostration, since the starter recovered as soon as the temperature dropped!

We weren't sure how big the 50/40 celebration was going to be, but as the date approached RSVPs for the banquet just kept flowing in. At one point, we discussed limiting the banquet to 100 people. Paul Blankenship (aka the optimist) just kept taking reservations and the actual tally was 130 people. Our thanks to the hotel for staffing up the bar and for putting on a good feed. Our special thanks go to Alan Ward, Rick Clemente, John Green and John Samson who spoke about how our competition program got started 40 years ago and what the early days were like. Look for a

more detailed recap elsewhere in this *Alfacionada*, and expect an additional article in the *Alfa Owner*.

Our wine tasting event at Agua Dulce was blessed with much more moderate weather. We did our Italian heritage proud and purchased enough wine to ensure we will be invited back next year. And once again, Big Mouth Pizza lived up to its reputation by providing large servings at modest prices.

Just read the recent *Wall Street Journal* article on Alfa Romeo. What impressed me was the article focused primarily on Sergio Marchionne's plans for Alfa Romeo and less on his plans for Fiat. His latest thinking is to import Alfa Romeo 4C sports cars starting in late 2013 or early 2014. (I wonder if maybe we could persuade them to bring a couple of examples to the AlfaCalifornia National Convention in 2013?) Eventually, they plan to begin manufacturing a Giulia sedan in America. A few hand-drawn sketches have been leaked, and it is a very handsome sedan, but we'll just have to wait and see what/when/if that happens.

Speaking of AlfaCalifornia 2013, get online and check out the details at [www.AlfaCalifornia2013.com](http://www.AlfaCalifornia2013.com). Chris and I have already made our room reservations. Have you?

Cars & Coffee is coming up shortly and Jim Barrett has got us an invite to see a nearby private collection. If you haven't RSVP'd, email Jim right away (see page 5). Everyone is welcome at Cars & Coffee, but the subsequent parts of the day require proof of Club

and AROSC Chapter membership or affiliation, and space is limited, so don't hesitate.

The RSVP requirement might seem a little harsh, but it serves two purposes. One, we know how much of a crowd to expect. Two, the Board has adopted a policy of not publishing the addresses of private homes in *Alfacionada*. Some of us don't mind, but now that *Alfacionada* is electronic and older issues are posted online, we need to be more careful about divulging personal information. Requiring RSVPs is a convenient mechanism for providing address information without broadcasting it to the world. Be assured that the address information of the general membership is confidential and is not posted anywhere.

The 2012 Best of France and Italy show in Van Nuys will be our third concours event of the year and, if history is any indication, it will attract more Alfas than any other event all year. No disrespect to our cars, but it is always fun to see the Citroens, Fiats and Lancias, more than I have ever seen anywhere else. Can't promise that Jay Leno will be there, but I expect he will. Check it out online at [www.franceanditaly.com/](http://www.franceanditaly.com/). Preregistration is not required, but it will fast

track your entry the day of the event.

The White Turkey Sale and Board Elections are the following week at Dirk Stoehr's. This is your chance to bring those spares you squirreled away in the top of the garage for that Alfa you sold 10 years ago. Most people donate the auction proceeds to the Club, but if you bring something valuable, we only require a 10% donation. Last year, some pretty nice parts crossed the auction block. I will bring some parts and, if Chris lets me, maybe go home with even more. Dirk is an enthusiastic host and this meeting is worth it just to see his fine collection of Alfas. Did I mention there will be food and wine? Don't miss it!

December seems a long way off, but the Christmas Party will be here before you know it. MJ and Sheila will host it again. Bring a bottle of wine, your favorite dish, and enjoy the fruits of MJ's grilling skills. This is always a great party, and often brings out a number of "seldom seen" members.

To quote Red Green – "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 and Chris

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# The Tech Guy ... *This and that*

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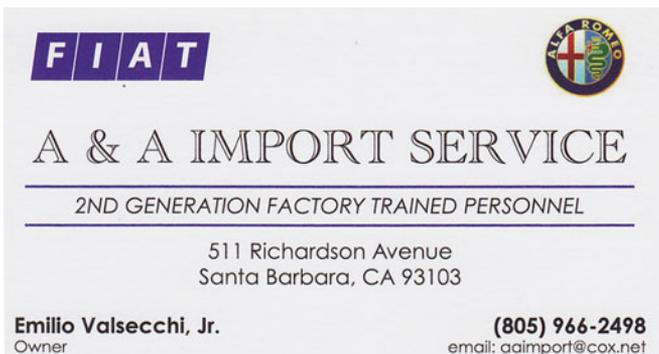
Montreal Engine Update: Engine Machine Services have finished their inspection of the block. The crank and bearings were dead on, some of the cylinders had a slight taper from the top to the bottom but that was within spec, pistons were fine. They also found some very slight surface rust in several of the cylinders but it can be taken care of with a very slight honing. They say that this can be caused from letting the car sit too much. I try to take it out regularly but it has sat for two or three months at times. They will next inspect the head, valves and cams for any problems.

When it is all back together and running I will have to remember to take the Monti out for a run at least once a month. And let this be a lesson to all you Alfa owners, take your Alfas out at least once a month. They need the exercise.

I spent the last two Saturdays at the track, as a spectator. The first was on September 8 out at Willow Springs

for the AROSC 40th anniversary bash (see the article elsewhere in the newsletter). It was quite a day, 100° in the shade, and there was no shade. It was great to walk through the pits and see all of the racing machinery and the enthusiasm of the participants. The next Saturday I was at California Motor Speedway for the IndyCar race. This time it was 104° in the shade. It was an evening race so once the sun went down it cooled off to the high 90s. The Indy cars are much more advanced than our Alfas but in bang-for-the-buck I think that Alfas on a road course beats Indy cars on an oval. Everyone should see an IndyCar or NASCAR race at least once, but for up-close fun go watch an AROSC time trial. It can't be beat. The next one is at the Streets of Willow in November. The temperature will be much more pleasant then.

– Gene Brown



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## Elections Are Coming ... Look for Your Ballot!

Each November we elect 10 members to the AROSC Board of Directors. Here is your chance shape the future of this, one of the three largest Alfa Romeo owners clubs in the nation. You can 1) nominate someone or 2) you can nominate yourself!

We are always looking for new ideas and fresh faces around the table. The obligations are minimal, mostly the annual planning meeting December to choose the officers and committee chairs then outline the coming year's activities, followed by monthly dinner meetings to continue making those big decisions.

Give it a try; become the volunteer selector, instead of the volunteer! (They say Alfa Romeo will be supplying our AROSC Board with secret

2014 test mule cars! What if it's true? The best way to find out is to get elected!)

Ballots will be sent in email later this month, and paper ballots will come to those without email. Voting will be by either email or regular U.S. mail. Results will be announced at our General Meeting and White Turkey Auction on November 10. Last-minute nominations from the floor will be accepted at this meeting as well.

Questions and nominations are being received now by your Nominating Committee.

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## We're Talkin' Turkey November 10

If you've never attended the annual White Turkey Auction, you've missed a special event.

This year it is on November 10, 1-4 p.m. in Los Angeles. As our biggest and final General Meeting of the year, we 1) enjoy the hospitality of member Dirk Stoehr while prowling his fabulous garage, 2) buy some priceless bits of automobilia at auction, and 3) learn who won the 2103 Club Election.

Dirk's garage is called Italspeed and houses his array of Alfas and other sports cars in various stages of glory, plus a full man-cave of auto ephemera that will amaze and amuse. Snacks will be provided. Come to 3101 S. Main Street; parking is on the street. No RSVPs required.

The White Turkey Auction is a

Club fundraiser and your opportunity to relieve yourself of those darling dented bits of Alfa or Alfa-related stuff you reeeeaalllly don't need, and acquire a few pieces you can't live without. We arm-twist two of our better public speakers into calling the lots and the bidding is sometimes quite spirited. Bring cash and a crate to haul your purchases home. The Club keeps some of the proceeds to boost the treasury for next year.

Election results will be tabulated early in the afternoon; as part of the meeting, other nominations may be made from the floor. The new Board will be announced before the end of the day.

So don't miss this meeting; you might be nominated for something!

# We Threw a Party and Everybody Came!



*Alfas all in a row; John Samson's GTV, left, was in '72 event. Steve Edelman photo.*

*On August 6, 1972, 32 entrants presented themselves and their shiny Alfas to the small raceway pre-grid; 27 male and five female drivers paid their \$20 entry fee. Doomsayers waxed eloquently about the foolishness of turning members and their Alfas loose on race tracks.*

That is how John Samson described our first track event for the 20th Anniversary *Alfacionada* article in 1992. Last year we decided to celebrate the 40th Anniversary at Willow Springs Raceway on September 8 and 9, 2012. And celebrate we did.

On September 8 over 80 cars of all types came to the track to race and time trial; 20 Alfa Romeos were in the Alfa Cup qualifying race, 18 for the Alfa Cup Race. The pace car for both races was an 8C Competizione. None of us can remember when that many Alfas have raced together in one group. Another 22 Alfas were in the Time Trial Groups. In the Alfa Paddock Alfisti were snapping photos of Alfa race cars. We saw and listened to Alfas like: 1600 GTA, 2000 GT, Duetto, Giulia Spider, Giulia Ti, GT, GT Jr, GTAm, GTV, Spider Veloce, Sprint GT and Super.

A group of non-competition Alfas drove out to enjoy the event and filled the Alfa Corral. At lunch time we had almost 30 Alfas on the track for a drive. In the group photo I lost count of cars after 50.

The weekend was a family reunion. We saw Alfas on the track we had not seen for a few years. People drove or flew in just to be there even if they did not have a car on the track. I saw friends from Washington, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. There was lots of hugging and "Wow, how long has it been?"

Joe DiLoreto brought his 1975 Alfa T33/12 World Champion car out (main photo, in front) and did a few hot laps for us on Saturday. Thanks, Joe! The sound of the Alfa 12 cylinder on the track was something to hear – check it out for yourself with this link: <http://bit.ly/QKVaqR>

We had a little dinner Saturday night; 127 of you showed up to listen as John Samson, Rick Clemente, Alan Ward and John Green told us the history of our competition program. Here are some of the highlights:

After the success of the first event

the Club wanted to try another race-track. Why not Riverside Raceway? John Samson had done a favor for Les Richter, operator of Riverside, a few years before when he filled in as the track doctor for an Indy Car practice. So he called Les, reminding him of this good deed, and asked if our club could rent the track, and AROSC held an event at Riverside. Now we could call other tracks with the opening line "If Riverside rented to us why not you?" Our program was off and running.



*Norm, Ed and Bruce take a lap around the serving line. A. Friesen photo.*



*Dinner-time bench racing, here and picture below. MJ Kutkus photos.*

Did you know that AROSC was part of the TransAm program? We helped out some Alfa drivers with sponsor money that was provided to us by Alfa Romeo and from AROC. One day Alan Ward got a call from Alfa Romeo: a San Diego dealer was in trouble and Alfa needed to sell some cars. Could Alan help place



a TZ1, a GTA and a few Spiders? Imagine that, Alfa Romeo calls a little ol' car club like us!

Ever been to an AROC Convention and been part of the time trials? The AROC Competition Code is real similar to ours. Reason is we wrote that "Comp Code" for our club so that different Alfas could compete together in the same class.

Our High Performance Driving School got started by John Green about 20 years ago. He had been working with the driving school at Willow Springs, the same school where they "train" movie and TV stars to drive Toyotas for the Long Beach GP Celebrity Race. He figured we could get 40 to 50 cars into a school at the smaller Streets of Willow track. The track people said "no way", John said "way." Now we hold a High Performance Driving School there each year. We train beginners (I put my granddaughter through the School last year) through advanced drivers how to control their cars on and off the track. We also hold a race school for those who want to learn how to race. I've been fortunate to teach at the School for the past 15 years; thanks, John!

I want to thank a bunch of people who really made this weekend a success. First, thanks to Terry Watson and Mike Easterman of the Club Competition Board who got behind this idea last year.



*Sheila Kutkus, Paul Blankenship, Margi Brown-Orozco, the Banquet Team. MJ Kutkus photo.*

Thanks to Sheila Kutkus and Margi Brown-Orozco who managed the Saturday dinner and worked to make it a success.



*Event Chair Blankenship with Anthony Rimicci. Elyse Barrett photo.*

A big thank you to Anthony Rimicci with whom I first discussed the idea of a 40th Anniversary track event about a year ago. When I explained it, all he said was “I can bring the cars.”



*Two from Dirk’s stable, above. Below is his famous pit buggy. Lance Dong photos.*



Thanks to those who brought more than one Alfa to the track: Afshin Behnia, three cars; Dirk Stoehr, four cars; Manuel Minassian, three cars; Brandon Adrian and Anthony Rimicci, two cars each. Extra thanks to Afshin, who volunteered his 8C to be the pace car and let me ride along.

*– Paul Blankenship  
40th Anniversary Event Chair*



*At the Rosso Bella garage, a TZ1 and a Giulia Sprint GT. A. Friesen photo.*

# Happy 40th Birthday!

*AROSC at Willow Springs, September 8-9 2012*



*Alfa Cup contenders line up behind the 8C Competizione pace car. A. Friesen photo.*

We need to give a shout-out to the people working and making calls to build a great turnout for this Anniversary event, with special thanks to Paul Blankenship and Anthony Rimicci, who seemed to be on this project forever – great job, Paul and Anthony! This event had drivers and cars we had not seen for some time, as well as some new ones. The whole Race Group had about 40 entries, including 21 Alfas and the rest in the Open, non-Alfa race group. (My apologies to the TT, Open, Point by and Solo groups for not getting your full story in this article, as my time this weekend was Race Group only.)

Saturday started at 7:30 with a typical driver's meeting. As Mike and Paul went through the standards and protocols the temperature began to show where this weekend was headed: HOT! The race practice sessions began and continued, stopping briefly for the first black flag due to Ian Stewart's Z parked on the outside of

9 half in the dirt, missing a left rear tire. Our next practice got a black flag after about five laps due to a Black Prelude parked on the inside of 7.

After lunch it was time for the Alfa Cup qualifying race. After a pace lap led by the 8C Competizione, GREEN, GREEN, GREEN. 21 Alfas heading into turn 1 provided a terrific historic spectacle. Unfortunately, a few laps later someone dropped 50 yards of napalm and BIG flames to match on the back straight leaving a layer of synthetic ice. It was Anthony



*Yes, it was hot at the track! A. Friesen photo.*



*The Bob Wass car and crew chief.  
A. Friesen photo.*

Rimicci's ex-Charlie Thierot GTA's motor. The "See-Thru" motor they tried this weekend did not work as expected. The flag crew called an immediate black and the fire crew got the mess cleaned up. By the time the qualifying race restarted (approx 1 hour) most competitors were overheated, as well as their cars. Not as many Alfas finished the race.

The Open race on Saturday included 20 cars. It featured close battles between Tony Presto and Ian Stewart, Chris Mayring and Phil



*Dave DeRosier's Sprint GT made its track debut. Lance Dong photo.*

Guiral, Dennis Fibrow and Rich Mathias. Bruce Colby, Terry Watson, Terry Major and Jorge Mazlumian (new red Miata) were all having quality racing on this day. Roland Schmidt outran the field taking fastest lap of 1:32.5 in car #331, full race

Porsche. They all came in with big (HOT) smiles on their faces.

Sunday morning started the same as Saturday. It seemed as though our brains were in a microwave, but let's get back to racing! Not as many Alfas on Sunday, but still 17 to start the Alfa Cup race. 16 finished at over 100 degrees, a sight not seen in our club, as well as Norm Silverman fighting and WINNING the second to last place, leaving Randy Harris as "Last but not Least!" Congratulations to Norm and Randy, as well as to Peter Giacobbi who won the Alfa Cup Race with authority!



*Randy Harris's Duetto heads onto the track. Happy Colby photo.*

In Sunday's first Open Race, everyone had a good start and a good race, except for Gary in the Celica, dusting the track in 9 for Rich Mathias to overcook the exit (creating dust clouds that completely blocked our vision) and darn near pass start/finish, going backwards with Terry Watson directly in his wake. I think that affected Rich's final race as his pace slightly suffered. Willow Springs #9 has a way of getting your attention RIGHT NOW!

The final Open race for Sunday provided viewers and competitors alike with solid close racing and fun throughout. On lap 1 or 2 going through turn 1, 2, and 3, my mirrors



*NorCal contingent: Andrew Watry raced his Giulia. Jim Barrett photo.*

were filled not with cars, but with faces, especially Dennis's. Take a look at Denis Fibrow's Facebook page where he posted an in-car video of the start of this race. Other players in this video include Gary, Ian, Phil, Wagner, and Watson. It seems Gil's Boxster is looking for a new engine as well.

This weekend provided some amazing quality racing. The final Open 12 lap race gave us a flawless Corvette, Tony (congrats on your win) and Greg's battle royale, Gary and Phil buffeting in the crosswind of the front straight, and all in a heat range from 95 to 110 degrees. We started five races (10 and 12-lap events) and even with our microwaved brains we all managed Turn 1 very closely without rearranging any historic sheet metal. I personally had three really good starts

and even though my races did not provide me fame, fortune, wealth, or even a class win, I had a terrific HOT time in the old town tonight!

At the awards celebration we gave thanks to competitors, event management, and special thanks to "Shotglass Sheila" for banquet, etc.; "Barn-Babe Jodi" for timing and coffee; and to "Happy Camper Colby" for lots of



*Anthony Rimicci won the Sportsmanship Award. Sheila Kutkus photo.*

great photos.

There were many special Alfas at this event, some with historic significance. John Samson brought his GTV, one of the Alfas at our original event. The photos here give an idea of this special weekend, including Charlie T's car, as well as Peter Giacobbi, winner of the Alfa Cup Race, receiving the 40th Anniversary Alfa Cup Trophy! — Terry Major



*The Winners' Circle. Sheila Kutkus photo.*

# Enough talk ... let's see some more pictures!



*Above: Gerard Kassabian's GT Jr.  
Below: Richard Hillyard's Montreal.  
Happy Colby photos.*



*Some starters faded in the heat at the lunchtime tour. Not these guys! Steve Edelman photo.*

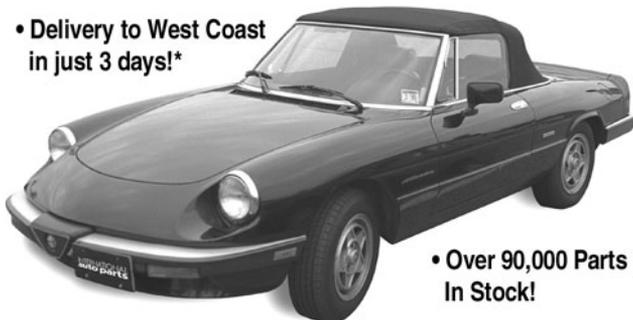


*This column, a short gallery of Lance Dong's car portraits. From top: Manuel Minassian's Giulietta; Gene assists with the T33 preflight; TZ1 shows off its engine room; chequered Giulia Super.*

*Jay Negrin and Jeff Robin enjoying the track tour. Sheila Kutkus photo.*

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# Best of France & Italy 2012



*A Great Day in the Park, Plus AROSC Concorso #3*

*Alfas at Best of France & Italy 2006. Will Owen photo.*

Celebrate Fall and the final AROSC Concorso of 2012 at the Best of France & Italy, November 4, in Woodley Park, Van Nuys. In addition to being part of a unique show that focuses specifically on French and Italian vehicles, you will have the opportunity to show your Alfa in competition against other Club members.

The cars are grouped to compete in the following categories: Daily Drive, Competition, Closed and Open. When you drive into the Alfa Romeo section of the show you will be directed to a parking place.

Awards will be given in each class depending on the number of cars entered in each group. If you have a car entered in the concours, you will be asked to help with the judging. You will be partnered with someone who has done this before. It is a great experience as you talk with the owners and see how they solved the

challenges of getting their cars to their highest possible level of perfection.

If you have never participated in a concours, do not be afraid that your car is not good enough. A clean, well-presented car has an excellent chance for a ribbon. Bring your car early and get it parked on the field so you can have time to do some last-minute detailing. Hint: a clean trunk looks great and shows effort!

Registration for our Club concours will take place at the event (\$10 per entry). You will also need to register for the event itself. One car is \$20, two cars \$35. Register online at [www.franceanditaly.com](http://www.franceanditaly.com) or download an entry form. You may also email them at [info@franceanditaly.com](mailto:info@franceanditaly.com), or call 626.797.4221.

Don't hesitate to contact Concorso Chair Jordan Lee and Concorso Committee Norman Silverman with your questions at [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org).

# AROSC Concorso #3, Celebrating 50 Years

*November 4, 2012 at The Best of France & Italy, Woodley Park in Van Nuys*

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Our new Direttore di Concorsi, Jordan Lee, will be using his successful one-page, simple-to-understand-and-prepare-for AROSC Judge's Scoring Form.

## 1 – Procedure

a) When arriving at Woodley Park and registering for Alfa Romeo parking, look for the AROSC banner and follow directions for car placement.

b) When parking, you will be asked if you wish your car to be judged (classes listed below), and when you say YES, you will be asked for \$10 to defray the cost of awards and you will be given a "CLASS JUDGE'S SCORING FORM" with your assigned number which will be recorded.

Please fill in the pertinent information and place on your windshield. The judges will fill in your scores and leave plethora of commentary – or not.

c) Please arrive by 8:30 so you have some time to take the grass off your tires before the judging starts at 10:00 AM.

## 2 – Basic Rules and Guidelines

a) Cars are meant to be driven and emphasis will be on originality and authenticity.

b) If you are a judge, a great way to really appreciate nostre macchine belle, you will not be asked to judge your own car or any car that with which you have had a previous affair.

## 3 – What is judged *(Total Pr. Value 100)*

a) Spiders can be judged with the top up or down (the judge needs only to make sure it is there and correct).

b) Trunks will not be judged, but there will be a category called "Complementary Elements" and a Drivers/Owners Manual, First Aid Kit, Highway Safety Equipment, Fire Extinguisher, Magazine / Articles / Ad Brochures and Vehicle Specific Memorabilia can add up to 5 points.

c) The judge will ask you for a little information about the car and explain the sequence of the judging which will start with a walk around the car. At various times the judge will ask you to open things, start the engine, turn on your headlights (low and high beam), parking lights, back up lights and directional signals.

## 4 – Classes

a) A very special class for cars as old or older than AROSC: Pre-1962 Open, Pre-1962 Closed

b) Spiders

c) Closed Coupes, and Sedans

d) Track Competition Vehicles – Time Trial and Race Prepared.

e) Daily Drivers – Vehicles used more than a two days a week for commuting or as your primary vehicle.

## 5 – Awards

a) There are points awarded for First, Second and Third Place that will count toward the Year-End Overall Competition Championship.

b) Regardless of the number of people in a class, there will be a physical award presented to First, Second and Third place.

– Norm Silverman

# Agua Dulce: Delicious!



*Three classics in the winery parking lot: Junior Z, Giulia Spider, Giulia Sprint GT. Will Owen photo.*

A buttery Chardonnay was the starter as a group of 30 members invaded Agua Dulce Winery about 11am. We enjoyed tasting the new blends for this year. A favorite was the Fantasma Roja, a Sangiovese based blend hand-crafted in the Sierra Pelona Valley that became the Alfa special of the day, giving the Alfa Club the wine club price of 25% off. Halloween shopping was going on as many enjoyed bits of chocolate with the Syrah Port.

Some members got a jump start to Big Mouth Pizza where they had plenty of help, so there was no wait for our lunches. We all settled in with our pizza and wine as we listened to our President Mike Riehle's general meeting report on our upcoming events. We can report that a good time was had by all.

*– Sheila Kutkus*



*AROSC came, saw and conquered the Agua Dulce tasting room. MJ Kutkus photo.*



*Chillin' at Big Mouth Pizza. Clockwise from front: Evelyn, Mike, Carol, Lisa and Alan, Erwin and Susan, Norman. Sheila Kutkus photo.*



*The final lineup; the yellow Spider has just arrived, and its owner is going inside. Your Photographer is about to do the same. Will Owen photo.*



*L to R Cheers to AROSC from Steve, Chris, Jan, Chuck, Tom, Mike. MJ Kutkus photo.*



*Il Presidente conducts the September General Meeting. Sheila Kutkus photo.*



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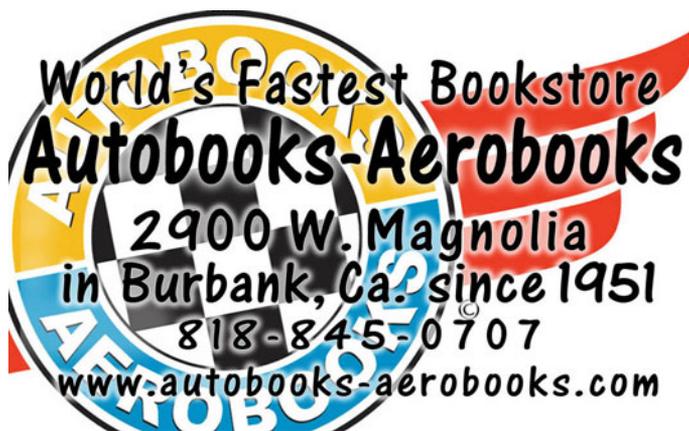
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## Our 2012/13 Calendar of Events

<p><i>October</i></p> <p>13 Cars &amp; Coffee gathering, followed by private collection tour, General Meeting, then a pot-luck brunch.</p>	<p><i>November</i></p> <p>4 Best of France &amp; Italy, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Year's 3rd and final concours. 10 White Turkey Party, Board Election results, General Meeting at Italspeed. 17-18 Race/TT weekend, Streets of Willow.</p>	<p><i>December</i></p> <p>8 Holiday Party! See later <i>Affionada</i> for further information.</p>	<p><i>January</i></p> <p>Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet – date and location TBA</p>
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