



Newsletter of
the Alfa Romeo
Owners of
Southern California



Concorso #3 – We'll be in the O.C. at a new museum venue on September 15th. Details on page 3.



Make New Friends – Attend a collab Cars & Coffee + Breakfast in Thousand Oaks on Sept. 21st. We are sharing with AROC of Central California. Info on page 4.

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*Avanti
e Verso
l'Auto!*

**Presidents'
Message**

Clubisti,

We hope you are thoroughly enjoying the last few weeks of summer, as only we can in sunny SoCal!

Just this week friends mentioned that they had to put their GTV away four+ months ago because of the heat in Arizona; others in the Midwest and New England are about to do the same dance now, and not see their Italian beauties on the road until next April. Hmmm!

Frankly, as spoiled Southern Californians, these concepts are completely foreign to us, but they do highlight how *oh-so-fortunate* we are. How many other chapters have outdoor meetings as we have done at the Petersen and the Nethercutt, in January?

So far this summer our members have attended a very exclusive boutique vineyard wine tasting, enjoyed the annual summer party in a new location, travelled to the festivities on the Monterey Peninsula and

come home to be on the lawn for in San Marino. Other members presented their second superbly curated paean to Italian motoring, Macchinissima II, and we were a part of it. (The next installment is already being planned.) Read all about it all (!) on the following pages.

Our third and final Club Concorso is set for September 15th at a fun car collection in Lake Forest. Check out the details on page 3 and enter by September 7th.

In October, do not miss our return to the amazing Antique Steam and Gas Museum in Vista, on the 27th. We will be joined by our brethren from AROC San Diego, who have

proposed an after party. Get the info on page 5.

Elsewhere in this newsletter (Please print and share!) you can learn how to register your guests for events in Club Express, check out some new Alfa bits for sale, and welcome six new members.

Just as our nation will present candidates for an election in November, AROSC will be inviting you to vote for your Board of Directors and join us on a committee or as a director. Heck, we're inviting you NOW. We need your participation to keep the chapter fresh and fun. Raise your hand by emailing us at info@arosc.org today! Ballots will be emailed on November 1st.



And everyone needs to be ready for our favorite fall fling on November 3rd: the Best of France & Italy Show at Woodley Park. Go to franceanditaly.com/ for info and to register.

Also, if you would like to present a great concept or locale for a club event, please join us at the Board of Directors Zoom meeting on November 17th. We are always looking for new fun things to do, and we'll be planning the 2025 Event Calendar then too.

Pop Question: Have you seen an Alfa Romeo Tonale on the street? We saw a white one near home in the last week of August, and we were joined by two Tonales at the AROC National Convention in Michigan this past May/June. One couple drove theirs from North Carolina, and the other came in from Connecticut by way of Canada. Both sets of owners very much enjoyed their travel adventure in their hybrids.

Anything is possible.

Ciao,

- Jim & Elyse, Copresidenti

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September 15th

Come to the O.C. for AROSC Concorso #3



Ciao Everyone!

We have a new and exciting venue for our September 15th third Club Concorso, the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center in Lake Forest.

This venue displays 80+ Cobras, Mustangs, vintage gas pumps, neon signage, and more. There's a lot to see inside, in addition to all the beautiful Alfas that we will bring and display outside!

Admission will be \$25.00 per person.

Please confirm your attendance, or your entrance in the Concorso. Send an email to David O'Donoghue (bomberodavid@aol.com) and Jeff Srinivasan (rogueman1@mac.com) with the following info:

- Year/Model/Color of your Alfa Romeo.
- If you wish to enter the FREE Club Concorso to be judged and compete for ribbons (and they are cool!), indicate which class you wish

to enter your Alfa (Open, Closed, Daily Driver, Modern or Race/Competition).

After we receive your email, you will receive additional details on arrival time, parking and display arrangements at the museum, and overall event timing, including judging info for Concorso Entrants.

The museum has neither food or drink, but there are several Italian, Mexican, and other restaurants nearby – we'll include lunch options in the registration follow-up email to you.

And if you'd enjoy even more participation, consider serving as a Concorso Judge. Please let us know in your email.

Registration deadline is Saturday September 7th – sign up early, and we'll see you at the show!

– David and Jeff

September 21st

Meet-up with Central Cal Chapter

Conejo Valley C&C


Sharing events among our neighboring chapters has been a thing for AROSC for many years, and 2024 is no exception. Your fall calendar now includes a meet-up on September 21st with AROC of Central California at the Conejo Valley Cars & Coffee at Thousand Oaks Mall (we were there in May 2023 before touring to Apricot Lane Farms).

We'll have an Alfa space to park in together and get to know our CCC friends better. There will be an optional breakfast afterward.

We will need a headcount for parking and breakfast, so please email CCC President Chris Armstrong at christopherarmstrong0721@gmail.com



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October 27th - A Visit to Vista

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum Fall Meet

Join us for another amazing day at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum on Sunday, October 27th. This is the last day of their Fall Meet, and it will be as splendid as ever!

We'll be connecting with our friends in AROC San Diego, who have graciously offered an after party of early supper at one of their favorite local Italian eateries, or their vice president's backyard!

Ongoing museum demonstrations include weaving, spinning, blacksmithing, woodworking, and corn and wheat milling.

Exhibits include antique gas- and steam-powered engines, tractors and fire trucks from John Deere, Oliver, Farmall, Allis-Chalmers, Case, International Harvester, Holt, Best, Agri-Cat, Rumley, Aultman-Taylor, Cletrac, Minneapolis Moline, and more; a N scale model railroad, gas-powered clothes washing



The Snowcat (L) is a favorite. Under one roof: the huge array of steam powerplants is a must-see.

machines and ice cream churns, hit-and-miss engines and more examples of all of the above as brought in by the enthusiast collectors participating in the meet.

The most eagerly anticipated part of the day is the noon parade of this machinery!

We'll need a headcount, so RSVP to *il Presidente* at cobralfa65@yahoo.com

Admission is \$10. We'll meet at the gates when they open at 9 a.m. And a visit to the AGSEM website is helpful:

<https://agsem.memberclicks.net/october-antique-engine-tractor-show>

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Pavia Vineyards' Wine-Ed Social



It is a refreshing and wonderful thing when AROSC members suggest and stage a new event, and Naomi and Peter Pavia did this for us in late June.

Pavia Vineyards is their passion project, and they shared it with us in the lush, relaxing gardens of their Thousand Oaks home, at the foot of a suburban hillside covered in, what else? Vines!

Our group numbered nearly 20, mostly the Valley contingent, and included David and Sylvia of Central California chapter, who came down from Carpinteria. We contributed hors d'oeuvres and dessert bites and snooped into their garage, where their

very clean GTV, vintage Moto Guzzi and heirloom 1950s Cadillac reside.

Boutique winegrowing is a niche activity that the Pavias are ready to share with like-minded enthusiasts in Southern and Central California. The planting, tending, harvesting, pressing, bottling becomes a big hobby quickly, and they can guide the amateur as they grow into a skilled vintner. They trend toward organic and natural farming techniques, encouraging their customers to do so, and no added sulfites when bottling.

The vintages include a range of 6 - 8 reds. Syrah, Pinot Noir lead the list for what grows most happily in the Conejo Valley

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area. Their first vintage was a 2011 Syrah, and their latest were bottled just before our visit and are aging now. They opened a 2018 Super Tuscan for us that was delicious.

It was a perfect summer celebration and a congenial gathering of good friends, old and new. *Mille Grazie* to you, Peter and Naomi.

– Elyse Barrett



Clockwise from top left: Natalie Pavia is the perfect sommelier. WTF means "Worth The Fight!" Natalie and Peter show off the cellar under the floor of the tasting room (formerly a spa). Erwin rocks his Panama. The verdant south patio was the place to hang out for sipping and snacking. Our hostess, Naomi Pavia.



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Clockwise from top left: Peter has the rapt attention of David, Sylvia, Jan Jim and Paul. Jim mediates a Steve and Evelyn discussion. Sylvia, Paul, Elyse, Jim and Jan on the north deck. Susan and Naomi at the tasting room.

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Sun & Fun at the **SUMMER PARTY**

The 2024 Summer Party was held at our home in Palos Verdes. Being near the ocean provided a respite from the heat for some of us among the throng of 50 strong.

This year for lunch, we switched up the main course with a more Italian offering – artisanal pizzas cooked on-site in wood-fired ovens. The appetizer and dessert tables overflowed with delicious offerings from our members. Helen's eggrolls and Chris' devilled eggs flew off their platters. Monique's apple tart was a hit on the dessert table.

And attendees were generous in their contributions to the selection of wines – reds, whites and Sheila Kutkus' prosecco. Paul Blankenship shared a bottle of Whistle Pig rye – with Alfa Romeo F1

team labeling. A few daring souls downed shots and breathed fire reviews.

Paul performed admirably in hawking our array of "Alfa Treasures". His sense of humor always enlivens this party, convincing us we need to compete for the miscellaneous and marvelous logowear, books, new parts, old parts, and ephemera, plus outrageous ancillary bits such as inflatable pool toys and homemade limoncello or peach preserves. We collected about \$670 – not a record, but very useful in offsetting some costs of the event.

Enjoy these views of this year's fun, and plan to join in next summer.

– Val and Monique Dietrich

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Clockwise from right (top 4):
The gang's all here! Pat and
Bruce win Oscars in auction
action. Monique and Susan
discuss. Evelyn, Elcid, Susy,
David and Roseann after
lunch



L to R (bottom 3): Hal and Esther at
ease at lunch. Helen and Gene confer
over auction items. Dan, Jan and Chuck
collect and compare libations.

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Above: Auctioneer Paul and able assistant Charlie in action. Right: If Treasurer Jay is happy, everyone is happy! Bottom 3: Roseann and David arrive. Susan and Bonnie with special logo goodies. Norm and Steve discuss.



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(Above) It was great to have newer members Marsha and Andrew with us. (Right) Partying is just hard work, just ask Paul, Jim and Val.



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Memories of Macchinissima, Monterey & San Marino



This was a car show summer. August was amazing for our members, who distinguished themselves and their Alfas on the roads and at *concorsi* all over California – from Los Angeles to Carmel and Seaside to San Marino.

Starting August 3rd in Los Angeles, more than 45 Alfa Romeos supported the second iteration of Mike Baum, Bronson Page and Dorian Valenzuela's **Macchinissima, Italian Motoring Celebrated**, staged in the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. A few of us directed entries to their places in the display areas, some of our cars were stars in the courtyard, others of us brought friends and family for a day in L.A.

There were cappuccino and Aperol spritzes; Nancy Silverton-designed pizzas (one named “Zagato” and



Clockwise from top left: The Farooqui SS in the courtyard. The Mackro red stepnose out front. Tom and his impeccable GTV. David shares details of this Sport Sedan. Steve arrives in his flawless Alfetta GT. Following page (L-R): Bruschetta artist at work. Victor's GTAm tribute. Ron's Callaway GTV-6 TT.

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created just for the show) and hazelnut salads; gelato in a half-dozen flavors, and fabulous music and energy coursing through the verdant yet vibrant venue. Vroom! Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica provided test drives; the indoor exhibits about the river and water management in the city were great, and there was lots of shade. Jay Mackro's stepnose Sprint was part of the tri-color theme decor at the door; Adil Farooqui's SS made its show debut in the courtyard and *AutoWeek* West Coast bureau chief Mark Vaughn parked his Lancia Appia with us in the coupe area. Go to <https://www.macchinissima.com/> for more tasteful views of the event and stay tuned for news of the 2025 Macchi III.



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In Monterey, at **The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering**, Scott and Carolyn's very special 1964 Giulia Sprint Speciale received the Art Center College of Design award. A Quail scout contacted Scott and Carolyn after the car won the 2023 Alfa Italia/ AROSC People's Choice award at the Best of France & Italy and invited them to this year's show.

"This still feels very surreal," Scott said. "We had no expectation of receiving an award, although I saw Art Center students examining the car, hanging out, not leaving. Of all the special awards at the show, this is one would I'm most happy to have." The car has a great history, being one of 25 right-hand-drive SSe built; being the 1965 Earl's Court show car and 1965

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press car; being subsequently owned and raced by renowned British saloon car champion and rally organizer Nick Brittan. And a feature at The Quail this August was a special display honoring World Rally champs – a nice tie-in for this SS. Scott did the prep himself, spending 12+ hours polishing. "There is A LOT of chrome on this car!" he declared. Next, its presence is requested on campus at Art Center an after party/study session, but Scott is happy: "Now I can drive it, which is why I bought it!"



After Monterey came the **San Marino Motor Classic**, and AROSC was there as well. Ken Roath's TZ (above left, next to Adil Farooqui's Spider) was the Italian Sports Cars Alfa Romeo 1946-1975 and Art Center Award winner; Adil's SS (center, next to Val Dietrich's 2000 Touring) was third in the class; and Tony Cortes brought a very pretty 1900 Touring (right, with Dan Ritter). "It was a fun show and Tony's car was well received. I knew Al was looking down from Heaven and smiling," Dan said. AROSC Treasurer Jay Mackro was there and reported, "Our Alfa guys Shelly Zide and Arno Leskinen (AROC national concorso chair), were Alfa judges. Yours truly was assigned to judge Mercedes 300 sedans, which was educational, but didn't have much to do with Alfas." Nonetheless, it was great to have an Alfa class at the event and to have our members present to represent the marque and our chapter. *Forza!*

Do you know ...

How to Register Your Guests for Events in ClubExpress?!?

Your Alfa Club Chapter uses electronic channels for social and business communications. Event pre-registrations and payments are handled by ClubExpress, the club's online communication service. You will need your username and password to sign-in before attempting to follow these instructions. Please verify your login and update it if necessary.

The website has standard features for resetting your username and password. If you encounter difficulties, please contact AROC's administrative team at 971-254- 6660. Nikki or Susan should be able to help you.

When our chapter event organizers plan an activity requiring an RSVP or payment, they set up a ClubExpress calendar listing to facilitate the registration. Event eblasts and promotions in *Alfacionada* provide a direct event link at <https://aroc-usa.clubexpress.com>.

Here's the procedure, plus what to do go register your guest(s):

1. Go to the national website, aroc-usa.org, and click on the AROC@ClubExpress button under the club logo.
2. Click on Member Login and provide your Username and Password
3. Click on AROC Calendar.
4. Scroll down to the date of the event (*A visual example is available on request*).
5. Click on View Event Details and read the event details; there may be more than one part of the event to register for.
6. Click on Register Now.
7. Scroll down to "Who is registering for this event?" Click on "Me+", and choose the number of your guests. Then click the bottom "Next" button.
8. Click "Next" again.
9. Fill in your guest information, and then click "Next".
10. Click Complete Registration to pay.

Note: If you need to return to a previous page, use the RED "BACK" BUTTON at the bottom of the page. Do NOT use the gray return arrow at the top left corner of your browser – it will corrupt your registration and disallow payment and/or registration for you and your guests.

To exit the event listing, click on "events" in the navigation buttons at the top left of the page you are in. You will be sent back to the top of the calendar listing to start over.

– AROSC Board of Directors

The Members' Page

Welcome & Welcome Back

Welcome to early Fall y'all! We wish to celebrate the arrival of these new members who joined in the months of June through August: John Bivens, Michele Bivens, Walid Hamid, Jeff Haring, Edward Kutch and David McFarland.

And a tip of the ol' chapeau goes to the *copresidenti* for their 25 years of AROC/AROSC membership.

Plan to come drive with us soon!



Mille Grazie to all our member-contributors, whose stories and images make this September-October edition of *Alfacionada* a vital part of our awesome *Alfisti* life: David Waelder, Jeff Srinivasan, David O'Donoghue, Steve Edelman, Val Dietrich and Monique Goosens, Dan Ritter, Ron Avery and Scott Leibow.

Calling all Historians and AROSC Packrats!

We have amassed an honest-to-goodness Chapter Archive of past issues of *Alfacionada*. This entertaining look back at our 63 years of Alfa fun is still missing the years 1975 and 1976.

The effort is under the sure hand of Dan Ritter. Please email info@arosc.org to let him know if you might have access to those elusive editions. *Grazie!*

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Board of Directors Meetings are held quarterly on Zoom. All members in good standing are invited to attend. The Board Meeting schedule is noted in the published Calendar of Events. Contact the Board through info@arosc.org to receive a link to the Zoom meeting. Members are also invited to bring their business to the attention to the Board via email via info@arosc.org

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