



## Newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California



### **Best of France & Italy with Alfa Italia People's Choice –**

The best Alfas of the year,  
all together.  
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**AROSC Holiday Party –** Don't miss our 25th annual celebration at "The Clubhouse". Details on page 4.

### Previews

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Uncontested. No  
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## *Avanti e Verso l'Auto!*

## Presidents' Message

### Moving Experiences

What Alfa events have you enjoyed this summer and early fall? We hope you have gone places and absorbed the variety of experiences that travel offers.

The *Copresidenti*'s fall trips began with the 2025 AROC National Convention in Crystal Lake, Illinois, driving the Pre-Convention Tours two days before the convention officially opened. The routes took us to many new and nifty places that we would never have found on our own. We visited a century-old observatory, drove at street speeds on the Road America racetrack, and visited a Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece, the S.C. Johnson Company global headquarters. The actual convention, as always, was filled with long-term (and new) friends and their cars. See the December issue of *Alfa Owner*.

Next, we absolutely loved Macchinissima III, and the three AROSC genius members/co-conspirators outdid their previous two efforts magnificently. A few of us helped park show cars and at least 22 member cars were present.

In October we had the pleasure of attending John Ireland's second Los

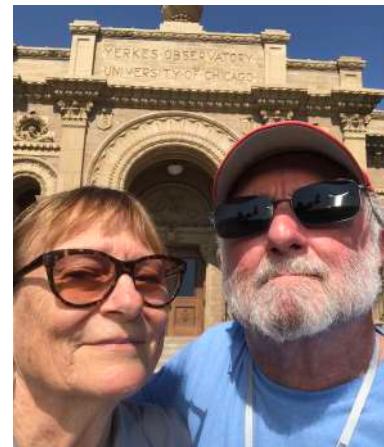


Angeles-themed tour this year, and we learned more about area culture and history. Our end point was the Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades, a treasure filled with treasures!

It is important to note that all these activities are available to all club members and both the convention tours and John's well-planned drive had a common and

very important ingredient: they were limited in size, and when they became available, we had to act promptly to get on the participant list. This was also the case with our AROSC Wine Tour in April, and in all three situations, space demand exceeded available supply. The prevailing wisdom: when you receive notification of an upcoming event, be prepared to sign up immediately. Our calendar is posted on our website, and three months' of fun are highlighted in each newsletter (Do you get *Alfacionada*?). Your chapter also sends multiple eblasts (Are you receiving them?) before each monthly activity.

Another takeaway besides seeing new places is making new



friends. This year again has brought many new faces to our gatherings, and it is so nice to meet more Alfa Romeo fans!

And writing about Alfa fans, the biggest SoCal Alfa party of the year is Sunday, November 2nd, at Woodley Park in Van Nuys. Bring a picnic and chairs and drive your Alfa. We are again voting for the AROSC-Alfa Italia People's Choice favorite Alfa! See page 3 for details.

Great news, as will be mentioned in the December issue of *Alfa Owner*: next year's convention is in Ogden, Utah, a drivable distance from SoCal.

In local news, your 2026 Board of Directors election is uncontested and your new Board will be introduced via eblast in November, and in person at the Holiday Party (see page 4). The annual AROC Winter Retreat will again be our chapter's Palm Springs Weekend, January 31st-February 1st. See page 16 for sign-up info.

*- Jim & Elyse Barrett  
Copresidenti*

An advertisement for Alfa Italia. It features a red Alfa Romeo sports car with its door open, showing the interior. The text on the left side of the car reads: 'ALFA ITALIA', 'EXPERT SERVICE', '&amp;', and 'AWARD WINNING RESTORATIONS'. Below this, it says '1700 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD.', 'BURBANK, CA 91504', '818-841-6959', and 'ALFAITALIA.NET'. A small Alfa Romeo logo is in the bottom right corner of the car's body.

**November 2nd**

# The Best of France & Italy

**Come to our best fall festival – November 2nd  
Woodley Park, Van Nuys  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Enter online at [franceanditaly.com](http://franceanditaly.com) it is \$30 per car. Show registration is now being handled through MotorsportReg so you will be guided to sign up with MotorsportReg before you can get to the car show registration page. You will get a confirmation from MotorsportReg. **Print this receipt because it will be your entry ticket.**

Questions? Email the organizers  
[info@franceanditaly.com](mailto:info@franceanditaly.com)

Spectators, friends and family attend for free. They just have to park across the street.

Clean cars are appreciated, not required. Our chapter has a People's Choice Best Alfa Romeo award, sponsored by our friends at **Alfa Italia**. Prizegiving is at 12 noon in our AROSC picnic area.

AROSC always sets up camp under the tall trees to the west of the Alfa parking field. Bring your own picnic lunch and drinks, plus camp chairs.



We'll have some additional Italian delights from San Carlo Italian Deli, provided by Norm and Evelyn Silverman. Food trucks will also be there if you don't have a picnic lunch.

This is not an "official" AROSC-organized event. We are attending as members of our international sports car community.

Register today and get ready for a fun time looking at all the French and Italian cars. This event is one of the biggest Alfa Romeo gatherings in the country. Be part of it.

Remember, we change to Pacific Standard Time at 2 a.m. on this day, so set your alarm clocks and adjust your wristwatches. The correct time will be on your cellphone.

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2024 Alfa Italia People's Choice winners Lee and Tarie Harris (center) and their 1965 Giulia Sprint Speciale receive the trophy from Valerie and Sako (L & R) of Alfa Italia,

## AROSC 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Clubhouse Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 5pm



Hosted by M.J. & Sheila in Redondo Beach.  
Join us and meet up with **old friends**, make **new friends**.

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**Happy Holidays! See you at the party!!**

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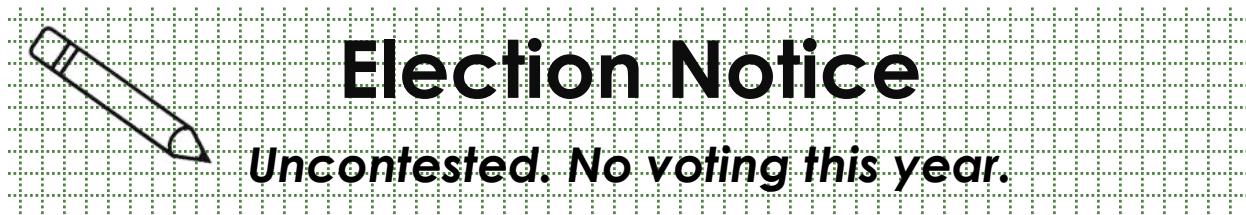
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The 2026 Board of Directors election scheduled for November 1-10 is an uncontested event. One new volunteer has stepped up to serve and fill the empty seat, bringing our board back up to its proper nine members.

Therefore, per Article V, Section 2 of our Chapter Bylaws there is no need for balloting among the membership.



The transfer of responsibilities will take place at the 2025 4th Quarter BoD meeting, via Zoom, on November 16, to which all AROSC members are cordially invited. If you wish to attend, respond to an upcoming eblast or email [editor@arosc.org](mailto:editor@arosc.org)

We will welcome our 2026 Board of Directors with formal introductions at the Holiday Party, December 13th.

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AROSC's Third Concorso of 2025 was Saturday, September 20 on the beautiful lawn of the Masonic Home in Covina, as part of their annual Harvestfest event. Sixteen meticulously-prepared Alfa Romeos spanning 62 years were admired and appreciated by Alfisti, event spectators, and sharp-eyed judges.

Very special thanks are due to Blue-Ribbon Winner Hal Croulet, who's persistence, connections, and finesse (all legal) made access to this beautiful venue possible. Patrick Terrisse and his Spider earned a Purple Heart for winning despite some unplanned rapid disassembly enroute to the show.

The day begins with diligence: (below) as Brad (L) and Larry (R) perfect their already-perfect 4Cs.



Thank you, Hal, for setting us up at Masonic Homes Covina!



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## AROSC Concorso Winners

### Classic Street

- 1 Patrick Terrisse, '78 Spider Veloce, Yellow
- 2 Paul Blankenship, '67 Duetto, Montecatini Red
- 3 Roberto Quadrelli, '83 Spider Veloce, Red



Pat Terrisse

### Classic Closed

- 1 Robert van Schoonenberg, '69 1750 GTV, Dutch Blue
- 2 Adil Farooqui, '61 Giulietta SS, Blue
- 3 Dan Iorgulescu, '71 1750 GTV, Rosso



Robert van Schoonenberg

### Modern Class

- 1 Robert Jackson, '17 Giulia, White
- 2 Larry Guzin, '15 4C, Alfa Rosso
- 3 Brad Geving, '15 4C, Black
- 4 John Ireland, '23 Giulia, Vesuvius Metallic Grey



Robert Jackson

### Display Only

David Waelder, '91 Spider Veloce, Black  
 Steven Dunn, '86 GTV-6 2.5 L, Red  
 David O'Donoghue, '84 Spider Veloce, Alfa Rosso



Adil Farooqui

### Best of Show

Robert Jackson, '17 Giulia, White



Hal and fellow Masons: Thank you for your hospitality.



Judges: John, Robert, David

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Clockwise from top: Our show field. People's Choice SS.  
Finding shade! Tamika, Steven and pup are comfy. David-David-David.



Respect and appreciation to the hard-working crew who hustled tirelessly through the heat – Judges Robert Jackson, John Ireland, David Waelder and David O'Donoghue, and an on-site-deputized Paul Blankenship. And an additional shoutout is due to David Waelder, who somehow takes fantastic photographs with one hand, while judging with the other, all day long. Be sure and see his photo album of the show on our website [arosc.org](http://arosc.org)

And so another successful AROSC Concorso season is concluded. Watch for our year-end class winner awards at the Holiday party, and we're planning to kick off next year's Concorso season in March '26. It's sure to be a memorable for a day – don't miss it! See you there!

– David O'Donoghue, Concorso Co-Chair



It was another great day in L.A. for the brainchild of Mike Baum, Bronson Page and Dorian Valenzuela as they celebrated the 115th birthday of Alfa Romeo at Rolling Greens – and we were part of it. Alfas, Alfas everywhere surrounding the 33 Stradale supercar.



Member cars were stars and supporting cast: Ron's GTV and Hiram's Maserati were carefully staged in groups outdoors.

Ian's Montreal had a corner in the east side warehouse; Xiao's 4C was in the Bay Street South lineup.

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Clockwise from top: Dan's aubergine GTV gets a spot under the venue logo; Anthony, Adil and Steve confer in the Red Room; Susan photographs the Testarossa; Brad and new friends; Evan Klein clowns with Mark Vaughn and Mark's Apia; Peter Jacobi's Ferrari special was popular all day long; Gordy and Dolly's Junior Z in the Red Room, and Bronson dares to open the Redrum elevator doors.

**You just had to be there!**





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# Pompeii a Roma - The Epilog

How we discovered the gracious lifestyles of our contemporary Angelenos and the ancients of Herculaneum in one morning drive



About 15 Alfas (including two fake ones) greeted the morning sun with espresso and sweet rolls. There was time and space to look at the cars, finish the paperwork, and then line up for the departure. The Via Veneto, with its enormous electronic billboards quickly melted into the Boulevard of the Emperors (Sunset Blvd.) Traveling at 30 miles an hour, it was amazing how much there was to see – lush trees, and behind them, mansions along the 11-mile journey through the different neighborhoods dotting the road.

A strange narrow little street line with fantastic tree sculptures took us through one of the best-disguised and wealthiest enclaves on the trip. Then we twisted out way to the bluffs of Santa Monica – towering over the ocean and beaches. Pathways on the bluffs and down along the ocean were filled with

We glimpse Villa life from the exits and entrances to the inner walks and gardens.

To the architects of the time, symmetry was important.

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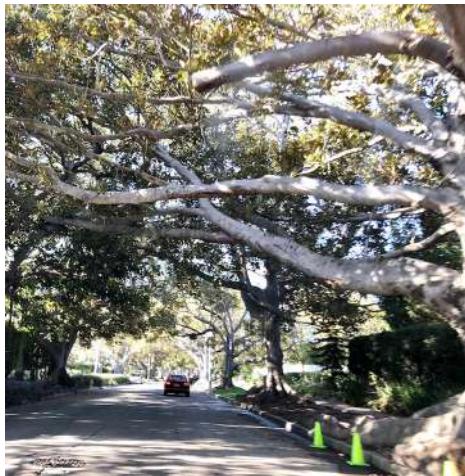


Clockwise from top left: The Villa amphitheater; fountain in the Family Grden; just one of many ceiling details; Alfaz at the end, in our reserved parking vault; our merry band after espressos and sweets; Alfaz at the start.

runners and walkers and bike riders and people watchers.

Finally, we arrived 2000 years back in time, in the Roman city of Pompeii, recreated in part by the Getty Villa. We were shown to our special parking area put aside for the club. Then we met our docents and broke into two separate tour groups. Each tour covered the same information, but was also very different, so different many wished they could have done both. And we realized that we had just scratched the surface of this phenomenal recreation of life in 79 AD. Ironically just four days

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L - R: the haunted tunnel of monster Moreton Bay Fig trees on that secret neighborhood street. Parked at the top of our Santa Monica Cinque Terra, then driving along the bottom of those sea cliffs. Yes, we did make it to the Amalfi Coast!

after our visit was the 1,946<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vesuvius eruption and the burial of the city of Pompeii.

Following the docent-led tours, some of us enjoyed picnicking, while others sampled the Villa's café. Then some stayed on and self-toured the many exhibits, while others began their rides home. It was an easy-going, relaxed Alfa Sunday ... and the new year is already filling up with AROSC events. Look for more opportunities to tour our fair city in this 21st century.

– John Ireland

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# The Members' Page(s)

## Welcome & Welcome Back

Greetings, Everyone!

Please join your Board of Directors in applauding the good taste of these Alfa Romeo owners who joined AROSC between August and October: Matthew Bullion, Sue Clark, Stephen Folds, Ray Gmeiner, Jonathan Haines, Paul Lee and Derek Tran.



## The Charles Schwartz Memorial Scholarship

Early this spring, the AROC Historical & Educational Foundation established a scholarship in honor of our chapter leader and beloved *bon vivant*, Charlie Schwartz.

As you plan your year-end giving, consider this fund, earmarked reserved for students of any age wishing to enroll in classes emphasizing repair/rebuilding engines or bodywork, and specialize in Alfa Romeos, old or new.



A formal website for the Foundation with the scholarship page is under construction, but club members can use this link to donate.  
<https://www.aroc-usa.org/aroc-historical-educational-foundation/>

"Charlie lived and breathed Alfa Romeos from an early age," said Bonnie, "so he would love it if those wishing to remember him supported the Club."

## Pals in Print – SoCal's Got Talent!

1974 Alfa Romeo GT-Am



MARK VAUGHN

Congratulations to Hector Vasquez whose GTAm was sparkling in the sun at the San Marino Motor Classic and Autoweek's West Coast Editor Mark Vaughn was there to record his Alfa's good looks and his good work in creating this outstanding car.

**AROC WINTER RETREAT**  
**PALM SPRINGS**  
**=2026=**

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## Sharing is Caring – Come to the Desert this Fall

And among car clubs it is only natural to invite our friends and neighbors to share the fun at each others' events. Such is the case with our brethren in the Palm Springs area, Desert ALFAs. Below is their new season's calendar and AROSC members are welcome to come to Coachella Valley for any of these activities.

RSVPs are needed and John Strong, reachable via email at [strongsail@gmail.com](mailto:strongsail@gmail.com) is your contact. These events are also listed online in the AROC national ClubExpress calendar, but still RSVP to John.

November 15th, 2025 - Welcome Back Party, Palm Springs

January 17th, 2026 - 1st Annual Bocce Ball Tournament, Palm Desert

March 8th, 2026 - Cheech Museum Visit and Luncheon, Riverside

March 28th, 2026 - Ciao Annual Meeting, Indian Wells

If you are an early riser and in Palm Springs at other times, they also gather for monthly weekday dine-in meetings and weekend cars & coffees.

Palms Cafe Breakfasts - 2nd Thursday beginning September 11th

Swiss Donuts Cars & Coffees - 3rd Sunday beginning September 21st

## Looking for Track Time?

The Lotus Club of Southern California has invited AROSC members to join them at any of their track days. Below a note we received. Feel free to follow up on your own. AROSC is not partnering with LCOSC, just passing this information along.

*I used to run HPDE and track days with AROSC. I am on the Board of the Lotus Club of Southern California, and on their behalf would like to invite your members to join our track days (we typically run 3-4 per year). Please feel free to email me directly with any questions. Sincerely, Ted Garland*

The next event is at Buttonwillow on November 2nd. The particulars include: Entrants get over 2.5 hours of track time per driver. Only 3 run groups / 60 cars. Coaching for Novice drivers; relaxed atmosphere for all. All cars welcome! You don't need a Lotus to join us!

Pricing: Regular (Oct 13+): \$275 Members / \$295 Non-members; Add LCOSC Membership (\$25) and grab the discount instantly!

Run Groups: Novice – Point-bys on straights, coaching for first-timers (limited to 5 slots). Intermediate – 5+ track days, point-by anywhere. Advanced – 15+ days, open passing (point-bys encouraged).

Contact Ted Garland for information: [tgarland@ucr.edu](mailto:tgarland@ucr.edu)

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## Open the Door to Alfa Style

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*Mille Grazie* to all our member-contributors, whose stories and images make this November-December edition of *Alfacionada* a fun fall read and the best communications vehicle for our Chapter: David Waelder, Jeff Srinivasan, David O'Donoghue, Steve Edelman, Paul Blankenship, John Ireland, Bonnie Schwartz.

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Email your concerns and questions about events, policies and procedures to [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org) and a Director will respond.

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@arosc.org)

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