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Club Concorso #3 – Masonic Home Covina is awaiting our Alfes, September 20. Info on page 3.



AROSC Goes from Rome to Pompeii – John Ireland has created another great exploration of L.A. Details on page 6.

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*Avanti
e Verso
l'Auto!*

**Presidents'
Message**

What A Fun Summer!

And there's even more fun coming your way this fall.

Our Milano Verde, Darth, was joined by his sisters and cousins in Santa Monica in July for a 40th birthday party. Technically our car is 36 years old and the party was for the model known as the 75 worldwide, except in the U.S.. Also showing were an actual Alfa Romeo 75 and a 156, neither sold here new. This was Hiram and Yinghua's first shot at staging a specialty car show at a nifty (and almost hidden) location. Story starts on page 11.

A week later we massed at the home of Jeff and Margaret Srinivasin for our sold-out Summer Party. The catered pizzas were excellent, and our Master Auctioneers were \$ucce\$\$ful! Aloha attire was encouraged. See what we looked like starting on page 8.

In August, members including Adil Farooqui, Dan Ritter, Mary Ann Dickinson, Ian Cartabiano, and Lou and Sherri Leto enjoyed the myriad



festivities at Monterey Car Week as both participants and spectators. Look for their views in November's *Alfa Owner*. Two weeks later Adil and Bob Schmitt showed their Alfas at the San Marino Motor Classic, and collected a little hardware.

For we stay-at-homes, there was a summer day drive in search of

orange groves in Orange County, followed by a fine meal at a former citrus packing house, now a cool food court.

At each of these activities we had new members who added to our fun. And there is a list of the latest new members on The Members' Pages beginning on page 17.

September continues to be busy. The 2025 AROC National Convention near Chicago runs September 17th-21st (with pre-convention tours starting September 15). Your *Copresidenti* are attending, as are Jan and Chuck Cline, and Xiao Wu and Renee Hungar. Anyone else?

Club Concorso #3 is coming up



on September 20th and is accepting entries now (see page 3), followed by Macchinissima III on September 27th (see page 4).

October will take us to Pompeii on the 1,946th anniversary of the eruption of Vesuvius, and John Ireland knows the special way to get there. Find out on page 6.

Did you know you can get a discount on your tickets to Macchi III? Use ALFISTI10 in the Promo code box on page 4. And if you have already purchased your tickets, there is a rebate available for AROSC members. Reach out to Bronson Page at bronson@macchinissima for your refund. The organizers are still looking for volunteers to help park cars on Friday and/or Saturday in exchange for free admission to the show.

We will see you there!
- Jim & Elyse Barrett
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September 20th

Club Concorso #3

**Come to Masonic Home Covina
and be part of the Harvestfest
while competing in the last
AROSC concorso of 2025.**



The AROSC 2025 third concorso will be held Saturday, September 20th, on the beautiful green lawns of the Masonic Home in Covina. The concorso will be a featured element in the Masonic Home's Harvestfest, open to the general public (flyer at right).

Admission is free, but all AROSC members and their guests must pre-register.

Please contact David O'Donoghue
bomberodavid@aol.com

or Jeff Srinivasan
rogue1man1@mac.com
to preregister, and for parking instructions.

For Concorso entries – both judged and display only – we need year, model, color, and the requested class.

Spectator parking will be on the streets surrounding the venue, but Concorso entrants, both judged and display only, will be able to park on the grass inside the venue location.

Look for a follow-up eblast with detailed concorso and access instructions.

See you there!
– David and Jeff



Registration is required of all attendees, both showing a car and as a spectator. Please email David at bomberodavid@aol.com and/or Jeff at rogue1man1@mac.com

September 27th

Macchinissima III

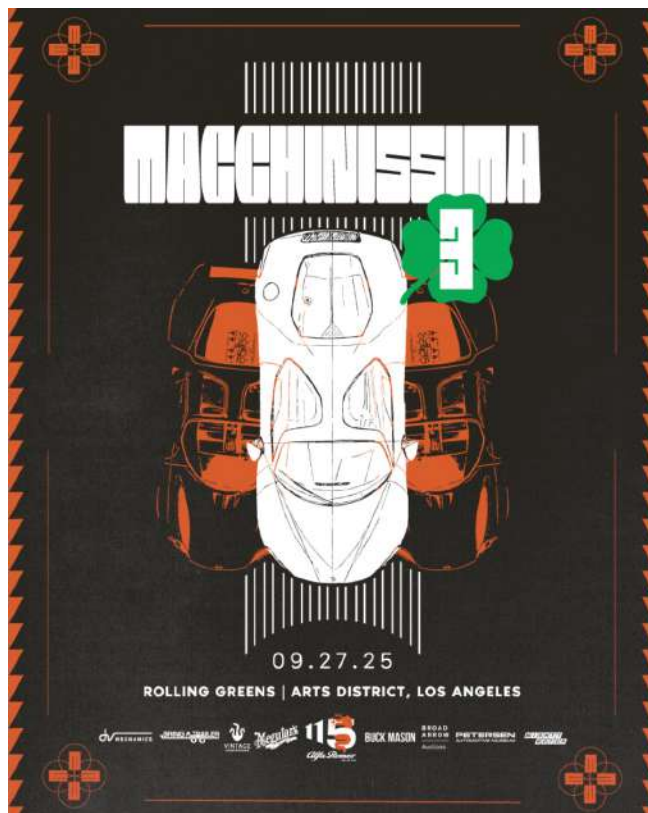
Macchinissima III comes to Downtown L.A. on Saturday, September 27 at Rolling Greens Mateo in the Arts District, and AROSC is invited – to attend (with discounted admission – see code below) and to volunteer (free admission). And they are still accepting car and motorcycle entries. Red cars can to the front of the line for this year's special curation.

What you will see

- Alfa Romeo's new 33 Stradale supercar – one of just 33 in the world
- 115 years of Alfa Romeo celebrated among icons, rarities and surprises
- 150+ Italian cars and motorcycles, obsessively curated
- Handcrafted Italian food and drink – wood-fired oven-fresh pizza, authentic sandwiches, Florentine gelato, cocktails, and espresso
- Live DJs with Italian house, downtempo, retro and punk

If you volunteer to help place cars on Friday evening, September 26, and Saturday, September 27, early in the morning, they have specific, curated sections and you will get detailed instructions. You will enjoy free admission to the show and can see the cars and exhibits before we open.

Some cars will be loaded-in on Friday



afternoon, especially those in the special curations and cars in warehouses. Most cars will be loaded-in Saturday morning from 6:30 a.m. until all cars are placed before the show opens to the public at 9 a.m.

Please contact Mike Baum, 949.338.4591 michaelabaum@gmail.com if you are interested! Specify what day(s) you'd like to participate: Saturday and/or Friday.

Spectators, get your tickets using this link: <https://macchinissima.com/tickets> and use this **Promo Code: ALFISTI10** to get our club member discount.

See you at Macchi!

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Promo Code
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Saturday, September 27
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Election & Nominations Notice

We Can't be a Club Without You! Run for Office, November 1-10

AROSC is looking for a few good tour organizers and party planners to help the Board of Directors steer this chapter in the right direction.

This is your official notice that nominations are open for the gang of nine who make this club go, and we will be emailing ballots for our annual election on November 1st.

Basically, this club is about playing with our cars, so event-runners are in held in high esteem! If you have favorite

activity among those we do each year, how about pitching in to run one of them? If you have ideas about different things to do – tech sessions? book club meetups? F1 watch parties? inspirational speakers – come aboard and make them happen!

Raise your hand or nominate a pal by contacting your Board at info@arosc.org by October 15th.

You'll be glad you did!



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October 12th

Roma á Pompeii



This tour will begin at a great place for espresso and pastries, with lots of parking either on the street (showing off the cars) or in the parking lot behind. We can gather starting at 8 AM, sample the espresso and pastries, do all the paperwork and hit the road between 8:30 and 8:45 AM.

This will be a relaxing drive, giving Alfas of all ages the opportunity to enjoy themselves, and for the eyes to enjoy the trip as well. We will often encounter bicyclists and joggers sharing this Sunday morning with us.

We begin on the *Via Veneto*...
We exit Roma on the *Viale degli Imperatori* (Boulevard of the Emperors)...
We detour to view the *Strada dei giganti* (Street of the Giants)... We continue on *il percorso di San Vincenzo* (pathway of St. Vincent)...

We turn onto the *Passaggio verso l'oceano* (passage way to the ocean)...
Which leads to *Cinque Terre e La*

Grande Vista (Cinque Terre and the grand view)...

It all ends with *il viaggio a Pompeii* (the voyage to Pompeii).

The entry tax (fee) to Pompeii is free, but parking costs \$20 per car (divide that by the people in the car and it is a good price.) And we will have a shaded parking area set aside for our cars. We will meet at a designated area, with time for another espresso, after which we will have a guided door by a dedicated docent.

Following the tour, we can enjoy a Mediterranean lunch in the cafe, or picnic on the grass.

After lunch, those who want to can continue to tour the wonders on their own. Those who have a longer ride can begin their leisurely drive home.

We will need a car-count and head-count, so please RSVP by October 5th!
– John & Alana Ireland

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Summer Party 2025!



The noon time Sun in Moorpark, warm, but not too hot, greeted almost 50 AROSC members and their families and guests for the 2025 AROSC Summer Party.

With many of our club members bringing wine and/or desserts to share, the Hosts, Jeff and Margaret Srinivasan, arranged for caterer Woodstock Farina Mobile Woodfired Pizza to create fresh-from-the-oven pizzas and a crisp garden salad for a tasty lunch on the backyard patio of their home.

The decor was pure Alfa Romeo with banners and flags floating in the breeze that helped cool the day. The entry was graced by the Srinivasan's large Alfa logo flag, Paul set up his eBay acquisition, a 10-ft. feather-flag, while a new-to-us little fringed indoor banner presided over the beverage table.



Clockwise from top: friends reunite – Roseann and David O'Donohue greet Roberto and Cheryl. Back patio and the feather flag. Elegant entry.

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By Row, top: Let the party begin! Jeff greets Hal. John and Jim meet at the very nice pizza and salad table. Woodstock Farina's setup. Middle: Paul, Boz and Donna peruse the desserts. Dan, Kathryn and Jan hydrate responsibly. Bottom: Erwin and Margret start the coffee. M.J., Bonnie and Norm listen while Susan presents the toast to Charlie as Roseann, Evelyn and Susan look on.

As is now tradition, no summer party is complete without an auction of Alfa Romeo and other Italian automobilia and memorabilia. But before the merriment began, we paused to appreciate our departed Charlie Schwartz. David and Susan Waelder poured a prosecco toast and Susan presented a touching remembrance as we raised our glasses to our warm, smart, funny, creative friend.

This year's array of garage goodies, art, artifacts and otherwise sale-proof Alfa parts

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Top row: Jeff warms up the auction crowd. Cheryl and Sheila catch up. Monique knows what Val is doing, but is not telling Andrew. It was great to see new members Lisa and Jeff. Bottom: John does a pre-sell of The Rim. Paul shows the fitted luggage and the tiny tee-shirt. David settles his bill with Karen and Mario at the scribe's table.

challenged the auctioneers, Paul Blankenship and Jeff Srinivasan, but they conducted a spirited auction, with many interesting items going to enthusiastic bidders. New-to-the-job of auction scribes were Karen and Mario, and they collected a tidy \$443 to deposit in our AROSC treasury.

We welcomed several new members, friendships and acquaintances were rekindled, and our we enjoyed the afternoon very much.

– Jeff Srinivasan

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Milano's 40th Birthday Bash

New AROSC members pulled off a pop-up party for the Alfa 75 (our Milano), first presented to the world in 1985, upon the 75th birthday of Alfa Romeo, and lots of us came!



While not an "official" chapter event, Hiram Wang and Yinghua Lu engaged the regional Alfa community to throw a birthday bash for the Alfa 75 (so-named for Alfa's 75th anniversary) or as we know it here in the U.S., the Milano.

Produced between 1985 and 1992, there are a choice few on the roads today and they are appreciated as unique or viewed quizzically. Their thick wedge shape strikes a chord or discord, but always leaves an impression. If you know, you know.

Hiram and Yinghua found a quintessentially L.A. venue in Santa Monica and spread the word to Milano owners and owners of their brethren six-cylinder and transaxle cousins. More than 50 spectators flowed through to view the 10 display cars and 25 spectator cars. Everyone enjoyed coffee, pastries and gourmet sodas at Goodboybob Coffee Roasters at the east end of the property, while their regular clientele of runners, dog-walkers and neighbors viewed our colorful fleet of sports cars.



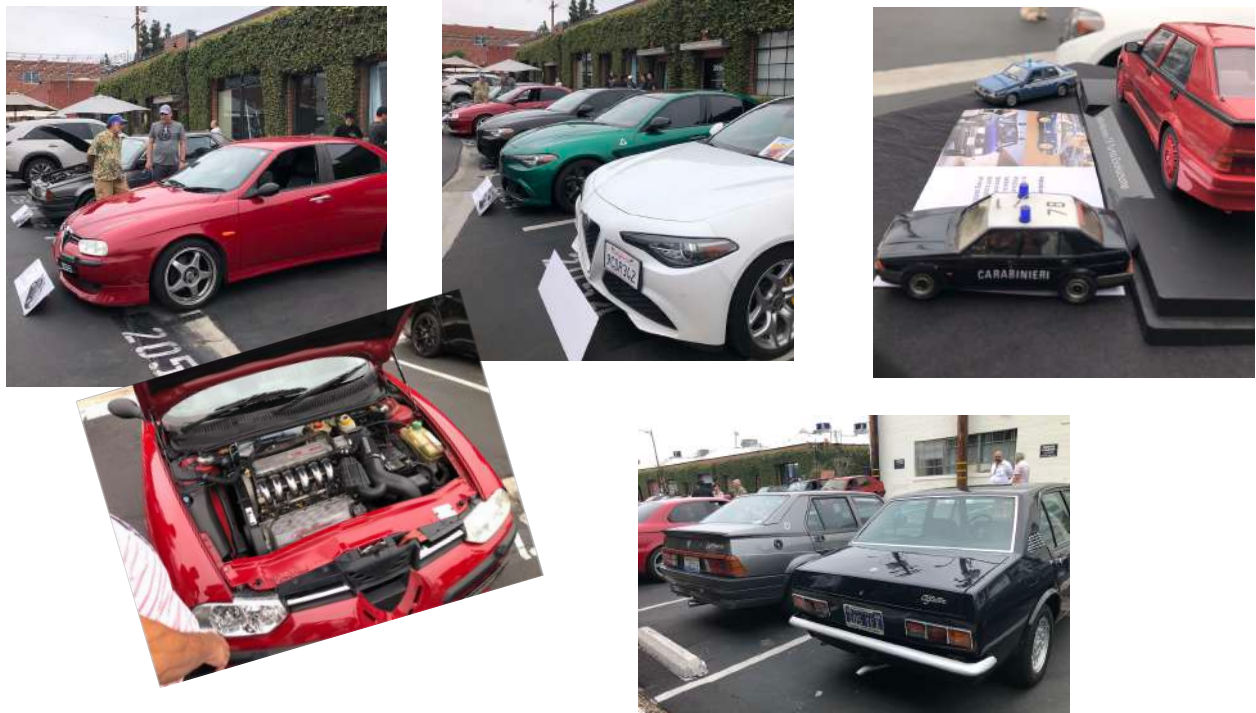
L: The honored guests, the birthday kids. Above, a revered guest, a 75, "the last real Alfa" (built before the company was acquired by FIAT). Below, event poster designed by Hiram.



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Top: Yinghua records the day; Jim Milanosplains to Hiram; AROSC pals gather around Adil's SS.
 Middle: the fabulous 156; new Giulia row; historical display. Bottom: the 156 Busso 6 engine;
 Alfetta Sport Sedan and 75 in repose.



The coffee store is named for the owners' dog, Bob, who is a very good boy. They are also car enthusiasts and their logo includes Bob, a surfboard and a Porsche.

The halo cars in their display included three Milani – two Golds: Hiram's '87 and Henry Tucker's '89, and the Copresidenti's '89 Verde, plus a 75 twin-spark, a gorgeous 156, and an equally gorgeous Alfetta Sport Sedan.

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L - R: AROSC members David and Alister critique David's Duetto engine bay; Andrew, Steve and Elyse cruise the rows of excellent spectator Alfas; Val and Harry pause among the birthday Milani.

Hiram and Yinghua, graphic and industrial design students at Art Center College of Design, prepared information placards for each of the display cars and set up exhibits of 75 history. Not all of us realized the 75 had served as *Polizia* and *Carabinieri* vehicles, and was raced in IMSA GTU and the European Touring Car Series.

The spectator cars from among club members and friends including GTV-6s, Duettos, a Giulia Sprint Speciale, a Fiat X/19, all kinds of happy top-down summer Spiders and an array of modern Giulia sedans.

Hiram said: "This is our first time organizing an event. We'll do it again, and it will be pretty soon – around the end of the year. The theme is about design in cars. And there will still be A LOT of Alfas!"

– Elyse Barrett

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It was a simple question: Where have all the Orange County orchards gone, long time passing? The answer was pretty simple too: Gone to housing (and light industry), everyone. But we thought absorbing a little nostalgia and history would be a fun way to exercise our Alfes on a summer's day.

Turns out there are some orchards left and we viewed four of them: the tiny private Sexlinger grove (15 trees) in Santa Ana; a big public tribute to the region's namesake commodity, Tustin Citrus Ranch Park (16 acres); the Nisson family's organic Valencia orchard and fruit stand in Tustin, and the 100-year-old Pessel grove in Anaheim. We

linked them together with some fun little roads for a civilized 36-mile drive concluding at a former Sunkist packing house for lunch, The Anaheim Packing House.

Fourteen cars and 24 club members made the three-hour tour. We had four Giulias, three Spiders, an Alfetta and a GTV-6, a 4C, 2000 Touring, an admirable Nissan people-mover, BMW Z4 and a Porsche 911. Stylish and sporty.

We met at dramatic and expansive Hart Park in Orange, home to a one-acre demonstration orange grove and where the driveway and parking are the flood control channel for Santiago Creek, built in 1940 by the Works

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Clockwise from top: Hart Park drivers' meeting and Santiago Creek parking. Heading out on the hunt. Nissan Fruit Stand. 4C leads the catch-up waiting area. Tiny Sexingler Orchard. WPA obelisk at Hart Park (gimmick question #1).

Progress Administration.

The looping drive was simple enough that we tossed in a gimmick to keep the navigators amused. Some of it was about O.C. history, some route observations. The winners were Arthur and Suzanne with a 100% correct score! Second place went to Melinda and Steve with one incorrect answer. Third place was collected by first-time drive participants and new AROSC members, Bob and Sandy. Prizes? A brown-bagged lemon and avocado.

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Left, Orchard Hills gated communities about - gasp! - orchards of avocados and oranges. Right, Tustin Citrus Ranch Park, built and planted in 2009 is the real deal. Lemons and oranges are up close via walkable trails and overlooks (see sign on page 14, Catalina Island is visible!).



The lunch bunch from top left: Lynn & Alan, Angel, Xiao & Renee. From top right: Sandy, Arthur, Steve, Roseann, David, Roberto's hands, Cheryl, Suzanne, Alister, Melinda, Steve, Lance. Bottom left: Anaheim Packing House (a former Sunkist facility) downstairs dining and upstairs country store.



What a fun place!

It was terrific to welcome back Lynn and Alan in their '91 Spider; to have first-time drive participants Arthur and Suzanne, and Bob and Sandy, both in Giulia Quads.

Thanks everyone for a great morning in O.C. !

- Elyse & Jim Barrett

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 June and August: Lynn Bassini, Kevin Dosch, Nazy Feingold, David Lieingold, Sharon Pahl, Lucas Vique, Sydney Walker.



Come drive with us – soon!

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 annual 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.

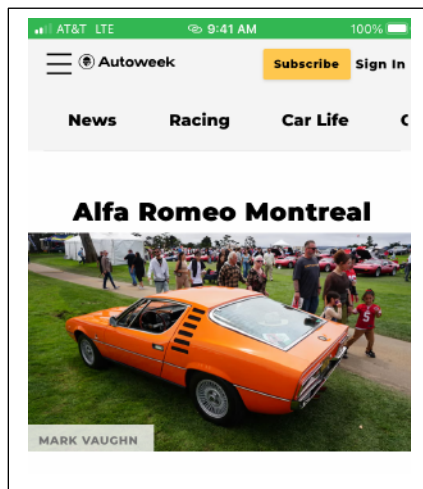
A formal website for the Foundation with the scholarship page is under construction, but club members can use this link to donate.

<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!



Congratulations to Ian Cartabiano and his Montreal "Gandini" for their 2nd place in the Alfa Class at this year's Concorso Italiano. Autoweek's West Coast Editor Mark Vaughn was there to record the achievement. Both this car and the SS below were driven to (and home from) Monterey by their proud owners.



Also participating in Concorso Italiano was Adil Farooqui's pristine SS which was tapped to be part of the event's Legacy Display featuring prime examples of the marques represented at the show. Again, our automotive journo on the spot got a nice photo and made nicer comments: "...the 1961 Giulietta SS inspired many other car designs, including the Stingray."

Trolling Social Media is its own reward. Besides learning amazing *things* about *everything*, we saw that Dorian Valenzuela was mentioned in Alfa Romeo's video series "Alfisti" the subject of which is Ralph Gilles, now Stellantis's Chief Design Officer. Why? Because one of his beloved cars is GTA built by and purchased from Dorian, which he named "Dorian".



Elsewhere we saw that Dorian did upgrades to a special Autodelta steel bodied GT Junior for Jenson Button to drive (and win) at the Monterey Motorsports Reunion. Talent? You bet!

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 is your contact. These events are also listed online in the AROC national ClubExpress calendar, but still RSVP to John.

Saturday, October 18th, 2025 - Tour of Shields Date Farm, Indio

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

January 1st, 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

Mille Grazie to all our member-contributors, whose stories and images make this July-August edition of *Alfacionada* a cool summer treat and the best communications vehicle for our Chapter: David Waelder, Hiram Wang, Yinghu Lu, Jeff Srinivasan, David O'Donoghue, Steve Edelman, Paul Blankenship, John Ireland, Bonnie Schwartz.

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