



Newsletter of
the Alfa Romeo
Owners of
Southern California



Summer Party '26
is almost sold out. Info
on page 3.



**Old Spider & Monterey
Orphans Tour**, details on
page 5.

Previews

July 18 Summer Party, Palos Verdes Estates

Aug 16 Old Spider/Monterey Orphans Tour, Dana Point to Carlsbad

Sep 21-27 2026 AROC National Convention, Ogden, Utah

Oct 3 Concorso #3, location TBD

Oct 17 Fall Grand Tour, Simi to New Cuayama

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The Disclaimer,
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*Avanti
e Verso
l'Auto!*

**Presidents'
Message**

Happy Independence Day Weekend!

We hope that you have driven your Alfa independently *con passione* instead of as a transportation appliance for getting from A to B. Our Alfas are designed for miles of smiles, and they need to be regularly exercised. Woe to you if your Alfa sits!

We had a similar situation at our vacation home in Baja California – due to a variety of unplanned exceptions, we were unable to visit for five months (!). Once re-ensconced, our absence was noted by an annoyed water pump and therefore, an absence of running water. After a day of bucketing, the pump came back to life just fine. Point well taken!

So what surprises are lurking when your Alfa hasn't been driven for a while? Brakes? Fuel pump? No-start rebellions? The longer our cars sit, the greater likelihood of "surprises" we could all live without.

And since we are happily in High Summer now, who is going to

Monterey? If you aren't among the pilgrims, next month's alternative for those who stay in SoCal will be another lovely drive with historical aspects. We will again drag out our oh-so-cool picnic baskets, for which there *may* be a return to a judged competition, with prizes. Start your menu and table decs planning now!

And to cap off our summer, the AROC 2026 National Convention in Ogden, Utah, September 23-27, is fast approaching. Will you attend? Registration is still open, additional hotel rooms have been added for you, and it looks to be splendid. When this event was announced,

there were questions about shipping our Alfas, and the organizers recommended a carrier. Your *Copresidenti* enquired, and the cost would have absorbed most of our convention budget, so we are driving instead. But that doesn't mean you cannot ship your car. Contact the broker Paul Pavlic, paul@nexusautotransport.com and 224.323.6812 for details. And/or, our AROC San Diego brethren are interested caravanning. Contact Lance Dong at l.dong@aroc-usa.org if you wish to drive in company.

Frosting on cake department: members Ian Cartabiano and Anthony Rimicci are presenting



at the convention as tech talk leaders. Ian will be on stage on Thursday, September 24 at 3 pm, and Anthony will be up on Friday, September 25 at 4 pm. Details on the event registration form and at the website <https://arocogden2026.com/>

Also in the future are our annual AROSC elections in November. We are always looking for new ideas and perspectives. Want to join YOUR Board of Directors? What do you want to see in your club? What do you want to do? Email us at info@arosc.org

November is also our calendar planning meeting for the upcoming year. Don't you know something/somewhere we can go and do? One of our never-ending favorites is the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum weekend meetings in Vista, which we last visited in 2024. But there are ultimately more opportunities that we hope you might suggest and be willing to arrange. *Grazie!*

Ciao for now!

- Jim & Elyse Barrett
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July 18th

Summer Party

Nearly Sold Out !

**At press time, the Summer Party
has two seats left!**

**If you wish to attend,
register now on ClubExpress!**



We will meet at the home of Val Dietrich and Monique Goossens in Palos Verdes Estates. Their address will be provided after you sign up, and questions are welcomed by emailing Val at event.questions@arosc.org

We will dine on a catered main course for lunch: artisanal pizzas, cooked on-site in wood-fired ovens. Please bring your best appetizer or dessert. No need to bring salads; your hosts will provide those!

And of course, we would love to have you share a bottle of your favorite wine.

Our traditional fund-raising and garage-cleansing auction is on, so please make selections from your automotive treasure trove for items to donate. FYI Newbies: the best items have a connection to Alfa, motorsports, or Italy. These sales are competitive and a lot of fun, and we are asking volunteer auctioneer Paul Blankenship to again be master of ceremonies. Bring cash to best enjoy the bidding.

Ciao, Val & Monique

***Dig out your Garage Treasures for the Auction,
and bring cash to take some home!***

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August 16th

Top-Down Driving

Old Spider & 2026 Monterey Orphans Tour

Not going to Monterey this year? Need an August activity for your Alfa? Join the stay-at-homes and come drive with us, top-down, on August 16th.

Spiders will lead on an Orange and San Diego County coast drive from Dana Point to Carlsbad. We'll turn in inland in Carlsbad to the secluded hideaway ranch of California founding family descendant, conservationist, and 1950s TV and movie star, Leo Carrillo.

Most of the drive is on Coast Highway. Lunch is BYO, and we may have a juried picnic basket competition, so feel free to play with your food and table settings.

Afterwards, a docent-led or do-it-yourself tour of the ranch is planned.

No registration, admission, parking or tour fees. Timing and more details to be provided when you RSVP. Driving instructions will be distributed and waivers signed at the starting point.

Save the date for fun in the sun behind the wheel with *Alfisti* friends on August 16th.

Please RSVP by August 10th, and direct questions to editor@arosc.org.

Ciao, Elyse & Jim

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Fall Grand Tour

October 17th Save the Date

Celebrate the season in SoCal from Simi to New Cuyama

Join us early Saturday morning, October 17th, at The Baker's Daughters, a café and artisan bakery in Simi Valley, featuring handcrafted breads and fresh breakfast options made with natural ingredients, and get ready for the road.

The first part of the tour will take us along the byways of Santa Paula's bountiful growing grounds.

Turning north, we will wind our way through Ojai, enjoying the golden fall foliage of the cottonwoods and sycamores before arriving at our no-host lunch stop in New Cuyama at The Buckhorn Restaurant & Bar. The restaurant features farm-to-table comfort food served in a casual high-desert atmosphere.



Cottonwood splendor on the road to Ojai.

Following lunch, we will head east through the pine-filled mountains to Lebec and Interstate 5.

**If you plan to attend, please RSVP by
October 4 to Steve Edelman at
arsq90-arsteve@yahoo.com**

We look forward to seeing you on this scenic fall drive!

– Steve Edleman

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Driving the Old Road

Malibu to Calabasas via Mulholland and Topanga



The Old Road was actually new to many AROSC members. Interestingly, some among our group of 29 *Alfisti* who have lived here for years, never knew about it. And you had to mind your mileage or you missed the very first turn.

The Mulholland Highway was carved into the Santa Monica Mountains in 1922. Modern day bikers and supercar enthusiasts know the highway well. On this Sunday AROSC was able to give them a show of Alfas, new and old.

The switchback turns, the long sweepers, the mountains flanking the sides of the road gave everyone a classic relaxing Sunday drive in the country ... with a chance to stop and explore the little crossroads village of Cornell Corners.

The drive ended in Calabasas, with hand crafted old-fashioned hamburgers for lunch at The Stand. Thanks to all who were able to join another excellent AROSC Tour of Southern California.

– John Ireland



Old
Alfa
row.



Car of
the Day:
the
Cohen
Sprint.

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L-R: New Alfa row. Bonnie burns her bra. John conducts the drivers' meeting.



Clockwise from left: The Blankenship Giulia and Wang Milano hustle through coastal oak forests. Larry Young and his red Spider style the Malibu Lake 'hood and we glimpse goats doing organic gardening.

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Some of us paused to foot-cruise in Cornell Corners.



Top, The Stand could accommodate all of us who made it to Calabasas, and the burgers and salads were excellent. Above, Mario is the poster kid for an Alfa canyon-carving day. Steve, Elizabeth and Jordan take a lunch table indoors. John checks in.

Concorso #2 Huntington Happenings



AROSC's second 2026 Concorso was held on June 7th under clement skies in conjunction with the 40th annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance.

The green lawns and tall trees of the city's Central Park made a fine setting for a strong lineup of classic and modern Alfa Romeos.

Concorso co-chairs Jeff Srinivasan and David O'Donoghue, ably assisted by Judges Hal Croulet, Robert Jackson and Jay Mackro, carefully examined 11 judged entries within four AROSC-judged classes; additionally, there were two display-only Alfa Romeos.

Without exception, the preparation and presentation of these cars were

to a very high standard.

Under its classification system, the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance presented handsome trophies at the conclusion of the show. AROSC awarded ribbons independently, within our club classifications.

AROSC's third and concluding 2026 Concorso is coming up in early October. Keep an eye on your next *Alfacionanda* for all the info!

AROSC Concorso Ribbon winners and Huntington Beach awardees appear on page 12.

– David O'Donoghue & Jeff Srinivasan, Concorso Co-Chairs

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From top, L-R: Huntington Central Park;
 Forza, AROSC; Hal's 916 interior; Harry's 6C
 Spider engine; Quad art forever. Elsewhere
 in the show we saw a monster new Bentley;
 a classic BMW Isetta; a suicide-door Caddy
 and a sweet summer rose-y MG.



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AROSC Club Concorso Ribbon Winners**Classic Street**

1. Pat Terrise, 1978 Spider Veloce
2. Norm Bianchi, 1987 Spider Veloce
3. Harry White, 1975 Spider Veloce

Classic Closed

1. Julian Psaila, 1969 GTV 1750

Classic Open

1. Paul Blankenship 1967 Duetto

Modern

1. Larry Guzin, 2016 4C Launch Edition
2. Robert & Allyson Jackson, 2017 Giulia

People's Choice: 1960 2000 Spider Touring,
Val & Monique Dietrich

Best of Show: 1969 GTV 1750, Julian Psaila

HB Concours Trophy Winners**06A Open Concours**

1. Paul Blankenship, 1967 Duetto

06A Open Street

1. Pat Terrise, 1978 Spider Veloce
2. Norm Bianchi, 1987 Spider Veloce
3. Harry White, 1975 Spider Veloce

06B Closed Concours

1. Julian Psaila, 1969 GTV 1750

06B Closed Street

1. Noosha Nariman, 1974 GTV 2000
2. Yann Caloghris, 1974 GTV 2000

06C Modern Concours

1. Larry Guzin, 2016 4C Launch Edition
2. Robert & Allyson Jackson, 2017 Giulia

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The Members' Pages

Welcome & Welcome Back

Greetings, Alfisti!

Please join your Board of Directors in applauding the good taste of this Alfa Romeo owner who joined AROSC between May and July, 2026: Roy Choi.

Welcome!

And thank all of you who renewed your membership this spring more months of Alfa Fun.

Come drive with us!



Mille Grazie to all our member-contributors for their good works and great taste in photography, making this July-August edition of *Alfacionada* a fun record of our driving adventures: Val Dietrich and Monique Goosens, Steve Edelman, John and Alana Ireland, David O'Donoghue, Jeff Srinivasan, Bonnie Schwartz, David Waelder and Andrew Schmidt, The Shotwell Collection (Carrillo Ranch).

Pals in Print – AROSC's Got Talent



Ian Cartabiano's Montreal is a winner at the San Marino Motor Classic.

Both get well-deserved mentions in *AutoWeek* and *Alfa Owner*.

Mike Baum and Bronson Page finish their first Mille Miglia with their 1952 Matta.



**See You
In Ogden?
Caravan to
Utah?**



"Le Montagne Chiamano"

The mountains are calling

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<http://arocogden2026.com>

**The AROC
2026 National
Convention is
coming!**

**More rooms are
now available.**

Classified Ads

Open the Door to Alfa Style

Original doors for mid-'70s Alfa Spider. In storage for more 20 years. No rust or dents, all glass is good. \$350 each. BONUS: free decklid in perfect condition with purchase of doors. BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! Seven (7) boxes of miscellaneous, mostly Spider parts, from Phyllis Gaylard's garage included with purchase. Contact AROSC member Bruce West, Huntington Beach, Calif. nseandwest@gmail.com or 714-815-2580. Pick-up only.



New parts for your sweet ride!

Your chapter received several gracious donations from member Gabriel Baltierra (Mr. Vintage Machine) and were used only for photo shoots: two sets of aftermarket sideview mirrors, a wood steering wheel and a Spider convertible soft top. See the descriptions on this and the following page.

They can be yours if you are the highest bidder by July 8th!

Contact editor@arosc.org for information and payment options.



The Warmth of Wood

NEW aftermarket steering wheel, also never installed! Comparable values range from \$410 to \$890. Make offer by July 8th.

And, look for this at the Summer Party auction!

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Classified Ads, *continued*

Italian Aftermarket Sideview Mirrors

by Vitaloni
\$53 value.
Make offer by
July 8th!



GT Racing Style Aftermarket Sideview Mirrors

by United
Pacific
\$25 value.
Make offer by
July 8th!



Tan Alfa Spider Top

Never installed
\$885 value.
Make offer by
July 8th!



*And, look for these at the
Summer Party auction!*

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Classified Ads, *continued*

Marvelous '87 Milano Verde

1987 Milano Verde, one owner (Karen) and a great car to drive.

- Always garaged, pampered, and maintained.
- Black with Recaro interior; no sunroof, many new upgrades/service work.
- Ready to go to Utah for the 2026 AROC National Convention.
- \$17,500 gets the car and tons of spares + OEM wheels.

It has been driven to eight AROC Conventions and never gave us any trouble. It is for sale as we have too many cars/bikes that conflict with retirement plans. Located in Texas.

Contact Richard Cross for details,
karenroxelana@gmail.com



Awesome '79 Alfetta GT

This beautiful, fast and tight 1979 Alfetta GT 13k miles on a very deep restomod. Most significant mechanicals refreshed and many uprated. Car is stored in NorCal. \$18,000 OBO.

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