

ROMEO & GIULIETTA



The Newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owner's Club of San Diego

June 2010



**Tales of the Julian Motorsports Show
General Meeting/Pasta Cookoff -
Ed & Nora's, June 13**



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OWNER'S CLUB OF SAN DIEGO



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jun 13.....Pasta Competition @ Ed and Nora Aenlle's
- Jun 23-27AROC National Annual Meeting, Frederick, MD.
- Jun 27..... Dana Point Concours d'Elegance, Dana Point, CA
- July 7Board of Directors Meeting, Rancho Bernardo
- July 14 General Meeting
- August 4.....Board of Directors Meeting, Rancho Bernardo
- August 11.....General Meeting, Sizzler Murphy Canyon, San Diego
- August 20..... Concorso Italiano, Laguna Seca Golf Ranch

Get ready for...

Alfa Century 2010

The AROC National Convention and Centennial
Celebration

June 23-27, 2010

Frederick, MD

Our team of volunteers is hard at work preparing for a fantastic convention and 100th anniversary celebration.

Check out the schedule-of-events at www.alfaromeonews.com and register online. Register now to take advantage of the early registration discount! Pay by check so the Convention Committee can avoid PayPal charges!

The generous contributions of sponsors are needed to make this occasion its best. If you are a business owner or know of a business that would be willing to make a contribution of any size, please contact Convention Chair Alex Csank at alfacentury2010@gmail.com. All sponsors will be recognized in promotional materials and on the web site.

Let's get ready to celebrate and have some Alfa fun!!



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IL PRESIDENTE

Ciao Alfisti!

June - our half-year "mile marker". Unfortunately we only had nine members in attendance at the May general meeting. That was disappointing as one attendee was a new member and we tried to convey that we usually have a larger crowd. AROC-SD welcomes Kurt Stoney. We hope to see him and future meetings and events.

The excitement in May was reconciling our chapter filing for non-profit exemption with the IRS. It appears that we were not the only chapter that had to confirm what action to take. We are subject to IRS review to determine if the lapse in our filing will cause us to temporarily lose the exemption and require us to re-apply, but the end result is that we filed a 990-N form as a 501 (c) 7 organization. That declares us as a non-profit "social club"....so lets "get social"...

Our June meeting will be held following the judging at our 1st Pasta Sauce Cook-off on Sunday, June 13th (see details about the event in the newsletter).

June also brings us to the last "printed and mailed" newsletter for members that do not "opt-in" to continue to receive a hard copy. Please refer to the information regarding "Electronic R & G". Complete/sign the form and return it to Lance Dong, Newsletter Editor if you want to "opt-in". We will be sending out a reminder later in the month to ensure we have all requests prior to month end.

Hope to see you all at the Pasta Sauce Cook-off,

Ciao,

Bill



JULIAN MOTORSPORT SHOW

Hail Storms and Cars

The Story of the Julian Classic Motoring Car Show, May 22-23, 2010

Bob Engberg, one of the Julian Classic Motoring Car Show organizers, sent the email asking if I'd enter Sophia, my 1969 Alfa Romeo 1750 Spider Veloce. The answer was easy. Yes! Little did I suspect that this simple "yes" would lead me and my car enthusiast friends to fall victim to the Fastnet 79/ Sydney-Hobart 98 Syndrome.

Anticipating a three hour round trip into the mountains east of San Diego and back, I took Sophia in for a tune up, the first in well over a year. A trip to Midnight Oil Motors, LLC and my favorite Alfa mechanic, Dan Pluth, provided the mechanical security I need in a forty year old car before setting off on such an adventure. Oil change and filter, lube all points, check oil leak, and check and adjust valves as necessary were on the list. Everything was done to my complete satisfaction, including replacing the front crank shaft seal, which was the leaking oil culprit.

The seal had been new in 1987. I'm thankful for the happy motoring that last seal provided over the past twenty three years, before starting to squirt oil around. And the exhaust valves were a little tight, so it's a good thing we checked.

Perhaps more important to car show judges are cosmetic issues. So I then embarked on two days of intensive care with Brite Boy metal polish, Turtle Wax paint polish, and Armor All cleaner/polisher for the vinyl and rubber surfaces to bring Sophia's cosmetic appearance somewhere near the new mechanical level of excellence. I cleaned the trunk, the engine compartment and the door jambs so that they gleamed, too. A little polish on the engine never hurts.

The beneficiary of the profits from this show was to be the Julian Medical Association and the Julian CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Organization. Little did these two organizations know what the weather would do to those profits.

Julian is the town made famous by the gold rush started in 1869 when A. E. Coleman found placer gold on nearby Coleman Creek. By 1872 there were already fifty homes in Julian. Today there are five hundred residents focused on the tourist industry for the town, and over four thousand living in the surrounding area. Julian is a Bed and Breakfast Mecca. One car friend who stayed over Saturday night at the Orchard Hill Country Inn, one of many Julian B & B's, said it was better than its AAA four star rating. Orchard even provided a sit down meal.

But back to the car show. On Saturday, May 22, starting at about 3 PM, we started lining our cars up, backing into curb on the north side of Main Street in Julian to recreate the famed Le Mans start. First used in the famed Le Mans, France 24 hour
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Alfa Romeo Owner Club of San Diego

Presents its

First Pasta Cookoff

On June 13, 2010 2 PM to 5 PM



Keeping in tradition of our famous Chile Cookoff, AROC San Diego invites its members and guests to bring in their entries for a pasta sauce (one or more) in the categories of Green, White or Red, corresponding to the colors of the Italian flag. The Club will provide the pasta and soft drinks. Contestants bring your sauces in reheatable containers. Be prepared to vote for your favorite sauce in each category.

Door prizes will be awarded to Alfisti who travel the furthest to this event and to the owner of the oldest Alfa Romeo brought to the pasta cookoff.

Directions to the home of the hosts, Ed and Leonora Aenlle: 1616 Margarita Glen, Fallbrook, CA 92028 (760-723-9927)

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sports car race on the streets and roads of France an hour's drive southwest of Paris, this uniquely exciting method to start a motor race has to be seen to be believed. The wind was by now brisk, the air cold, but the sun was still shining. My wife Gaynor and I found the next to last available space in the lineup for the Alfa at about 3:30 PM, between a Porsche Carrera and a Corvette Z06.

At 5 PM sharp, a cannon sounded and forty drivers sprinted across Main Street, jumped into their waiting cars, started their motors, and peeled out, turning right toward the Menghini Winery for the reception. Police cars abounded. Cops stopped cross traffic while the assortment of wheel spinning Cobras, Porsches, and Ferraris took off. Many other makes joined the fun. There were single examples each of Alfa Romeo, Jaguar, Morgan, Lamborghini, Lotus Ford Cortina and a Rambler custom race car. For the record, Bob Spriggs, a car and boat friend, was first to his Lotus Ford Cortina, and first to get his wheels turning. A boat friend said later that Bob lifts weights, which of course explains everything.

Engines hit red lines as spectators and cops grinned and drivers re-lived their youthful lust for speed and high RPMs. The Lamborghini ahead of Gaynor and me in the Alfa blasted past the Ferrari just ahead of him, so we stuffed the Alfa up the Ferrari's exhaust pipe just to keep things moving and close. The twisties on this smoothly paved route are cambered, well marked and taken in second and third gear in the Alfa, mostly well below our 8000 RPM redline. I haven't had so much fun in years.

A few minutes later all the cars arrived at the winery off Wynola Road and parked in the grassy area reserved for the Sunday show.

Several race cars and transporters were already there, such as DiLoreto's. DiLoreto brought a blue 1963 Cobra coupe and several other cars. These cars were not drivable or the owners did not want to risk them in the Le Mans start melee. Fred Puhn's 1962 Santee roadster was without transaxle, but you couldn't tell it, as the blue Number 5 Buick engine race car designed and built (guess where) in Santee, sat proudly in the grass among California oak trees and the stunning mountains that surround the vineyard. Similarly, Bob Engberg's 1956 Elva race car, finished in shiny polished aluminum, was race ready but already in place by the time the rest of us got there. The Elva had just finished a major winter overhaul in preparation for the vintage race in Sonoma, CA, in two weeks. No sense in taking chances.

The reception featured barbecued lamb chops, stuffed mushrooms, and bruschetta which were served by smiling ladies dressed in parkas. Yes, folks, by now it was 6 PM and COLD and WINDY. None of the rest of us could smile who were still dressed in short sleeve shirts or, at best, cotton sweaters. For \$5, you could secure a plastic cup of wine, and my choice was the Menghini cabernet sauvignon. The wine was good and numbed you a bit.

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From Richard Moker 1987 Milano For Sale

It has about two hundred thousand plus miles. The engine was rebuilt in or around 1996 or so.

I have all the documents of service and repairs. All of the work was performed by Nick Mute on Alfa Tech.

I am selling it because I have four cars and I want to eliminate at least two. I would like to get about \$2,750.00, but I will entertain any reasonable offer as long as my Alfa is going to a good home! I can be reached at home (760) 749-1183 or interested parties can also contact me via e-mail for additional information

Now the tale turns to the comparison of a car show with yacht races of yesteryear. Olivia made blueberry pancakes for breakfast. Afterwards, Dave loaned me a chamois and I removed the dust from Sophia in a driving wind at thirty eight degrees Fahrenheit with rain. At this point, we should have packed it in and headed for San Diego. Dark clouds were swirling in from the west, promising more havoc.

More havoc it was: we encountered TWO hail storms and intermittent showers all the way back to Julian and the winery Sunday morning. The hailstones were about 1/8" in diameter and they collected along the Wynola Road before melting. They bounced on the roads, too. They made noise.

Who in his right mind would continue? Almost all the car owners as it turned out. Like the Fastnet 79 and Sydney-Hobart 98 yacht races, the weather forecasts were terrible, but the sailors went to battle anyway. The storms in those two sailing races were so horrific that many boats sank and many men died. I was now experiencing the Syndrome: you had so much invested in time and money and you had a commitment to your friends to be there, so you continued despite the warnings. At least no one died at the car show. That I know of!

Unfortunately the weather was so foul that spectators did not bother coming, so the profits to the Julian Medical Society and the Julian CERT could not have amounted to more than a handful of change.

Bob Engberg emailed Sunday night that they had fired the Weather Committee of the Julian Classic Motoring Auto Show. A few glimpses from this milestone event follow. Bud Suiter

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Electronic R & G

Last Call for Printed Newsletter - This Month

AROC-SD wants to keep members up to date with chapter club information by issuing a monthly newsletter, our Romeo & Giulietta. Over the years, sponsorship from advertisers has decreased as costs for printing and postage have increased. As the club is not-for-profit and maintains minimal funds to support some hospitality functions, the monthly R & G has begun to be a drain on the treasury.

At the 2010 kick-off meeting, the membership discussed an “electronic” version of the R & G as an option for continuing the newsletter while greatly reducing our operating expenses. An e-mail will be sent to members as a notification that the newsletter has been posted on the website and will include a link for direct access.

The plan is to allow members to “opt in” for a hard copy version if an electronic version will not work for them. We will begin this transition by first asking everyone to provide their e-mail address. We will begin sending the e-mail notification and link while continuing the printing and mailing for a period of time in order to allow everyone the opportunity to confirm their address. Once we are ready to complete the conversion we will also send out “last call” reminders/notices.

Please take this opportunity to provide your current e-mail address to Lance Dong at araknd@gmail.com.

If you want to continue to receive a hard copy newsletter after the transition period; please complete the section below and return it no later than March 31, 2010. Forms can be mailed to: AROC-SD, P.O. Box 83393, San Diego, CA 92138 or, Lance Dong, 243 Muirfield Way, San Marcos, CA 92069.

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