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

April 2009



General Meeting, April 8

Alan Taylor Restoration Visit, April 18

Coronado Motorcars on Main, April 19



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OWNER'S CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

 **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- April 8.....General Meeting, Filippi's Pizza Grotto
- April 18..... Alan Taylor Restorations, Escondido
- April 19..... Coronado Motorcars on Main
- May 13..... General Meeting, Filippi's Mira Mesa
- May 16..... Stone Brewery w/AROCSC
- June 10.....General Meeting, Filippi's Pizza Grotto
- June (Tenative)Nethercutt Museum, Sylmar
- July 8Dinner and a Movie, Parioli's, Solana Beach
- July 15-19AROC National Convention, Portland OR.
- August 2.....National City Automobile Heritage Day
- August.....Auction, TBD
- SeptOktoberfest, Lance and Jennifer's
- Sept. 26-27..... 12th Annual Coronado Speed Festival
- Oct..... Wine Tour, Temecula Valley
- Nov Idyllwild Tour
- Dec. Christmas party

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We missed seeing some of you at the Chili Cook-Off last month. Those who attended had a good time and enjoyed some great chili. Winners were, Dave Herting, Bud Suiter and Pat Garrett.

This month's general meeting will take place at Filippi's off Mira Mesa Rd on April 8 at 7.00pm. Actually the idea is to have a nice dinner and enjoy the camaraderie of Alfa members. We will meet in the new bar room.

Don't forget our tour of Alan Taylor's prestigious restoration shop on the 18th. We meet for breakfast at Mama Kat's in San Marcos at 9am.

IF you haven't already done so, please take a minute to vote for members to your National Board of Directors. The ballots are inside your April ALFA OWNER. Your membership number must appear on the ballot for it to be counted.

Hope to see of you at the Coronado Motor Cars on Main Street show on the 19th

Ciao

Glenna

AROCS member and excellent wrench Erik Rathmann has gone independent with the opening of his shop in Poway at 14045 Kirkham Way, Suite 106 (in the back). Erik is planning on pulling the engine on his GTV and invites all club members to attend this technical session and hopes that some will also have the knowledge to assist or lead the effort. The club hopes to be able to produce a video record of the process also.

Erik is planning on doing this on April 11th around 10'ish. Lunch might be provided, depending on how many show up; so RSVP for head count, if you want to take this opportunity to turn back the hands of time and get elbow deep in some automotive technology of the later 20th century and help out a fellow Alfisti.

Hope to see you there.



April Alfa Club Event: Alan Taylor Company

The Alfa Romeo Owners Club of San Diego is visiting an exceptional automotive treasure right here in Escondido, CA: the Alan Taylor Company (ATC)! Join us for this opportunity to visit with Alan Taylor himself. We'll arrive right after the 9 AM breakfast at Mama Kat's in San Marcos. Mama Kat's is at 950 W. San Marcos Blvd. RSVP for head count either Lance or Bud Suiter.

ATC has played a major role in the restoration business since 1990 and specializes in pre-war European and American cars with a special emphasis on French creations such as Delahaye, Bugatti, and Talbot Lago. Ever hear of an Amilcar? ATC restores those, too. Services include fine cloth and leather interiors, panel beating, metal repair, and paint and mechanical work, all original specification.

Before forming ATC, Alan owned and operated Alan Taylor Design Engineering in San Diego and Little Rock, AK, designing vehicles for numerous clients. One of his designs, the clamshell front end for Federal Express trucks, eases maintenance of the FedEx fleet. He also designed SWAT vans, medical vehicles and school buses. Those who know Alan describe him as patient, very knowledgeable, talented, and caring.

ATC restorations have won trophies in the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance at Monterrey, CA each year for the last ten years except one: that year Alan elected not to participate! In 2008 at Monterrey, ATC won first in class with a blue Delahaye with disappearing top. In 2007, ATC won runner up for Best in Show with a Minerva 8 AL Vandenplas three position drophead made in Belgium. As an aside, Minerva made luxury cars in Belgium from 1902 through 1938 and Henry Ford was a customer.

On the floor now being worked over by the seven highly experienced craftsmen employed here are a V-16 Marmon, an American La France Speedster (yes, the same company that still makes fire trucks), a Bizzarrini, and a 1933 Chrysler with a V-16 Cadillac motor. Recent completed restorations can be checked out on the ATC web site (www.alantaylorcompany.com) and include a 1913 Peugeot Type 145 S, a 1935 851 Auburn Speedster, a 1939 Bugatti Type 57C, and a 1953 Jaguar XK-120 Drop Head Coupe.

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CORONADO SPEED FESTIVAL RACES BACK TO SAN DIEGO

Save the Date for the Premiere Car Event of the Season

Action packed auto racing and vehicle exhibitions are coming to Coronado! Mark your calendar now for the 12th annual Coronado Speed Festival on September 26th and 27th. This Fleet Week San Diego event is the only race car and military tribute event in the United States.

The Coronado Speed Festival is Fleet Week San Diego's marquee event. The event features fast-paced, thrilling auto racing and exhibitions for car enthusiasts of all ages at one of the most distinctive race track locations - Naval Air Station North Island, the birthplace of Naval Aviation. Nowhere else can you see a variety of cars racing on a live runway used by the U.S. Navy. This is the only Navy Open House on the west coast. Join us in thanking the men and women who defend our freedom—and enjoy a weekend of thrilling, fast-paced activity on the tarmac.

At the Coronado Speed Festival you will see top race cars from today & tomorrow including historic stock cars, as well as the restored classics from years past. Also planned are military flyovers, drifting & drag racing exhibitions, car club corral, car show, Navy ship tours and more.

Don't miss out on this annual celebration of speed. The Coronado Speed Festival offers something for everyone to enjoy so race on down to Naval Air Station, North Island on September 26-27 for the premiere racing event of the season.

Ticket information is coming soon. This event is free for active duty military and their dependants. For more information please go to www.fleetweeksandiego.org.

The Coronado Speed Festival is produced by San Diego Fleet Week Foundation and hosted by the Naval Base Coronado and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program (MWR) which benefits military personnel and their families. They in turn provide positive support for the active duty military community and their families through Quality of Life Programs including single Sailor Recreation Centers, Fitness and Aquatic Facilities and the Base Theatre Free Movies.





2009 AROCSD CHILI COOKOFF REVIEW

Nineteen hungry Alfa Owners gathered round the crock pots in hopes of another great time of tasting with the added pleasure of having homemade corn bread to help satisfy their appetites. I will not say anything about the assembled autos outside the garage, but will tell you that there was an Alfa Romeo among the group. And that's okay, we just want the members to come out, meet and mingle. I think that the menu was satisfactory, as there was not much left and that goes for the corn bread too. There were prizes for the three categories of Chili: Veggie, Red and Green. Bud Suitor took honors for his rendition of Veggie, David Herting walked off with the Red and yours truly got the ribbon for Green. Now I thought that I was making red chili, until they read the rules. Any chili using green chili's is a green chili....I was thinking "chili verde" wrong. Anyway, its nice to be a winner and we all hope that next year, you will come out and join us. -- Pat Garrett





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Alan helped found the Thomas Mullen Adams Memorial Internship Stipend Fund which pays living expenses for McPherson College, McPherson, KS student interns in restoration. McPherson College was founded in 1887. Alan is arranging for Robin Blanche's red Alfa Romeo Special, a mid-engine V-8 creation Robin built himself, to put in a 'guest' appearance on April 18 – just for us.

To meet us there, take Interstate 15 to the Valley Parkway Exit 31, go left on North Tulip Street, left at North Hale Street, and right onto Industrial Avenue. Alan Taylor Company is at 1220 Industrial Avenue, Escondido, CA 92029, 760-489-0657.



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