

Romeo & Giulietta



HOLIDAY PARTY, OKTOBERFEST &
RAMONA WINERY TOUR

2018 HOLIDAY PARTY

We had a good turnout of 31 people this year. Dave and Keri DeRosier hosted us at their home in Point Loma. Dave opened the garage doors for us so we could admire his 1965 Giulia Sprint GT race car and his 1969 Duetto. This elicited a lot of questions about his racing experience. Where does he race, how long does a set of tires last, how many races a year does he participate in, etc? New Member Peter Rutman mentioned that he would like to take his new Giulia TI Sport to a track. Bruce Colby, who is an instructor at Willow Springs track, spent a good bit of time explaining to Peter what is involved. We hope to hear back from Peter in the future about his experiences. Since we now have a number of new 4Cs, Giulias and Stelvios in the club, I suspect a few other members might be interested in getting some track experience.



As always, the dining room table was overflowing with food. Keri had baked a large ham and members brought appetizers, salads, side dishes, and desserts. Ed and Nora Aenlle brought a large sheet cake with an Alfa Logo. We were lucky that it was a nice sunny day so we could use the tables and chairs that Dave and Keri had set up in the backyard. After everyone had enjoyed the big feast, it was time for the annual gift exchange/stealing. As usual, it was quite lively. Wine, liquor and Alfa logo items were in high demand and typically changed hands several times. We also held a raffle. The raffle items included two tickets for the Kick-off Brunch, tickets for the San Diego Safari Park donated by Scott Currier, and a car interior detailing kit which Scott purchased at the Detailing Tech Session.



We also collected toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program in memory of our past president Morgan Langley. Normally the club pays for the ham and disposable utensils using funds from our treasury. This year Dave and Keri generously suggested that the club donate \$75 to the Toys for Tots Program in lieu of reimbursing them for their party expenses. We owe Dave and Keri a big thank you for hosting a great party.



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OKTOBERFEST AND FUND-RAISING AUCTION

Twentynine of us again enjoyed Glenna Garrett's hospitality for our annual Oktoberfest party and auction. There was an array of Alfas clustered around her house: three new Giulias, a 4-C, a Duetto, a 1986 Spider, two GTVs and Glenna's 1965 Giulia. As always, when we congregate at Glenna's, the weather seems to be beautiful so we can use her back deck. Glenna had three large tables and a pile of folding chairs ready for us. We were joined by three members representing the AROC national board who were spending the weekend in Palm Desert and drove over for the party. Cindy Bantzer, our national president; Doug Zaitz, the webmaster and former board member Gordy Hyde with his wife Dolly. We also had a really good turnout of new members: Bryant and Marianne Hebner, Glen and Georgia Wior and Andrew Kaiser who brought his friend Dave Gravely. Dave is a real car buff and conducted a car trivia quiz at our table while we were eating. I'm afraid I flunked the quiz but Doug Zaitz really held his own. As always, we had a lot of food: brats, Italian sausages, hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the club in addition to appetizers, salads, pasta and desserts brought by the members. Lance Dong was the afternoon's grillmaster.

We had a brief discussion of upcoming events: a tech session in October on car detailing, a tour to two wineries in Ramona on November 17, our Holiday Party on December 2, and a Sunday brunch and kickoff meeting January 12. Cindy invited us all to participate in the midyear retreat which she sponsors in Palm Desert on January 18-20. There will be a party Friday evening, a driving tour on Saturday followed by another party in the evening and a national board meeting Sunday. All of our club members are invited to participate. We will try to go together to rent a house or two for the weekend if enough people are interested in attending.

David Leyton did a great job as our auctioneer for our annual fund raiser. Thanks to his efforts in encouraging

the bidders and to all the people who donated items, we raised \$355 for the club treasury. These funds will be used to support future parties. For example, the club buys the ham for the annual Holiday Party as well as providing sodas and bottled water at numerous events. In addition to the auction, we held a raffle for an Alfa Romeo logo tote bag filled with mystery goodies. Cindy Bantzer was the lucky winner. The raffle raised \$120 which we are donating to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program in memory of our former president Morgan Langley who was killed last fall in a tragic accident. We owe Glenna a big thank you for hosting us again. Thanks also to all of our members who donated items for the auction. All and all, it was a fun filled afternoon.



RAMONA WINERY TOUR

We had a great turnout of 31 people for our driving tour to two small wineries in the Ramona area. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon which made the drive up the winding Highland Valley Road a lot of fun. When we reached the first winery, Hatfield Creek, we were joined by AROC national president Cindy Banzer along with Doug Zaitz of the national club board and Gordy and Dolly Hyde. Gordy is a former national board member. The four of them were spending the weekend in the Palm Desert area and joined us for the two winery visits. Gordy and Dolly recently purchased a condo in the desert, so we hope to see them at future AROCD events. In total we had 11 Alfas at the wineries; 3 new Giulias, a Giulia Quadrifoglio, a Stelvio, 2 4Cs, 2 GTVs, a Duetto and an 86 Spider. It was nice to see new members Gerry and Lisa Lehmann and their son Erik. It was also nice to welcome Gary and Michelle Greening, potential new members, who joined us at the second winery, Principe di Tricase. Gary and Michelle own a 2018 Giulia Quadrifoglio. At Hatfield Creek, they opened their workshop/mini museum where an old teardrop trailer and a Model A Ford Replica were on display.

We spent about an hour and a half at the first winery sampling their wines, then we departed for Principe di Tricase Winery. The name for this winery derives from the fact that the Italian family owning the winery is descended from the princes of Tricase. We were met at the winery by Kim Spero, an artisan cheese maker, and a number of our members bought some of her snack packs for lunch. Since four of us in attendance at the winery are members of their wine club, they extended the 10% member discount for wine purchases to our club people, which was nice. We all shared the food we had bought along with cheese snack packs. I think we all had plenty to eat. After we enjoyed the wine and food, Alfredo, the winery owner, showed us his collection of about 6 Fiats and a 2004 Morgan. He hopes someday to have a large tasting room where he can display the cars.



MORE WINERY TOUR PHOTOS



UIPCOMING EVENTS**Cars and Coffee at La Jolla Shores**

Saturday, March 16, 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Galaxy Taco Parking Lot

2259 Avenida do La Playa

La Jolla, CA 92037

Pastries and coffee are available across the street.

Secret Car Club & Tour to Deer Park**Winery and Auto Museum**

Saturday, April 6, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Meet at Marche Cappuccino, 5535 Cancha de Golf

Just off Via de Valle, Rancho Santa Fe

We will meet at the Secret Car Club in Rancho Santa Fe for coffee and then drive some back roads to the Deer Park Winery and Car Museum. Admission is \$10 (\$9 seniors and AAA members), wine tasting \$10. Bring a picnic lunch.

La Jolla Concours D' Elegance

Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14

If you show your car on the street (any Alfa), the entry fee is \$175 which includes 2 tickets to the Saturday evening reception and 2 tickets to the Sunday VIP area with coffee, scones, lunch and hosted bar. If you just want to go to the car show on Sunday, the cost is \$50 until Mar. 3, \$60 Mar 4-Apr. 1. The ticket includes a glass of champagne and honey tasting.

Reception Saturday Evening 5:00–9:00 PM

Car Show Sunday 7:00 AM-4:00 PM

Visit the Concours web site for more details

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