

Romeo & Giulietta



1928 Graham-Page Model 612 at the Western Antique Aeroplane & Auto Museum

HAPPY HOUR VIRTUAL MEETING

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Il Presidente**Rich Precario**

As you all know, almost all events where people congregate have been cancelled or postponed. The Covid-19 virus has put a lid on social gatherings.

Originally, the proposed club schedule was; a Chili Cook-off in March, a driving tour to the Campo Railroad Museum in April, the Peterson Museum in May (in conjunction with AROSC), a possible open house at Dugan's Oceanside restoration facility in June, the National Convention in July, and a "Cars and Coffee" in August. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, all of these activities have been postponed indefinitely.

Because of the current CDC recommendations; social distancing, limited gatherings, and the stay home directive, none of our planned events are possible. In order to limit the outbreak, we all need to do our part by abiding by the CDC regulations to limit the spread of this disease. The CDC recommendations are available on their website (cdc.gov/coronavirus); please follow their guidelines and wear a mask in public*. If there is a positive side to the news, in mid-April, the governor and president have started talking about the possibility of easing the current restrictions based on achieving and maintaining specific virus related conditions. Let's hope that happens in the next couple of months.

In March, the board of directors (BOD) did a virtual conference meeting using Zoom **. In April, we used Zoom for a virtual meeting/event with the entire membership. This may be the norm for a while. Everyone in the club should have been provided the information necessary to use this platform. In the near term, virtual conferencing will be the vehicle for our meetings and events. Note, if anyone had a problem using Zoom, contact Lance at araknd@gmail.com; he can help with any problems relative to this platform.

On the national stage, the July 2020 National Convention in Colorado Springs was postponed until 2021, again due to the ramifications of the Covid-19 virus. The BOD is still doing planning for a 2022 San Diego National Convention bid. The postponement of the 2020 National Convention to 2021 may impact this

activity, we'll have to wait and see. However, until we know, Lance has maintained a team to pursue this endeavor. If you are interested in helping with this task, please contact him at araknd@gmail.com.

In the meantime, all we can do is follow the government's guidelines and recommendations to stem the tide of this virus. Not fun, but necessary. An upside in this environment is that we have an opportunity to do many things which we have previously procrastinated. These may include books that have been waiting to be read, exercise we never had time for, and projects we have postponed. We can use the time to put ourselves in the best possible position to go out and pursue the future we want at the end of this crisis.

We have a vast array of people in our club with a multitude of capabilities, if anyone needs any help to get through this crisis or has any questions, please send me an email (rprecar1@san.rr.com) or give me a call (858-492-1475) and we'll try to help any member(s) with getting through this crisis.

Everyone stay safe and healthy.

* The mask helps minimize the spread of the virus and helps to minimize the effect of our habits of touching our face and nose, without realizing it.

**Zoom is a video conferencing platform provided by AROC-USA

TOWN HALL WEBINAR

On Sunday April 26, 17 of us gathered on the internet using the Zoom video conferencing software which was supplied by AROC-USA. Lance Dong hosted the meeting. Discussion topics were wide ranging and included: status of the plans for hosting the 2022 national convention, recommendations of Alfa local mechanics, where to get a wiring diagram for an old Spider and can we stage a driving tour while maintaining social distancing. Toward the end of the virtual meeting, we all introduced ourselves and discussed how we became Alfisti. It was interesting to learn a little about some members that I hadn't previously known very well.

UPCOMING EVENT

We are planning a 1.5 hour “cabin fever relief driving tour” on May 17. We will have two tour segments so we don’t attract the attention of the sheriff. The southbound tour will meet at the N. County Fair Mall in Escondido. The northbound tour will meet at the just opened Java Garden Coffee Shop in San Diego which is owned by long time members David & Alena Leyton. Both tours will loop to Ramona covering Highland Valley and Wildcat Canyon Roads. More details will follow.

WESTERN ANTIQUE AEROPLANE & AUTO MUSEUM (WAAAM)

By George Hershman

In the summer of 2018, while Anita and I were en route to the AROC National Convention in Olympia, Washington, we stopped on the Columbia River to meet up with friends from Spokane, WA. Our friends knew that I am a car buff, so they suggested visiting the Western Antique Aeroplane and Auto Museum in Hood River, OR. Although there were no Alfas in the museum and only one or two European cars, I still found the museum interesting. There were over 130 autos and quite a few airplanes. They claim that most of the cars are still drivable and many of the planes can still be flown. The only exhibit relating to Italian autos was a TV with a documentary video on the Ford versus Ferrarai racing competition which was recently made into a movie. If you are ever in that part of the country, I suggest visiting the museum.



1919 Ford Model T



1917 Curtiss JN-4D “Jenny”



1931 Chrysler Imperial Limousine



1956 Chevrolet Corvette



1936 Cord Westchester Sedan

makes him smile. Juan is a proud healthcare employee. He looks forward to tech events that will help him keep his car in top shape.

Il Mercato

1982 Spider Veloce

Excellent, strong, running condition. 82,025 miles; new battery, clean top, ivory paint with black interior. VIN ZARBA5419C1014067, clean title and Car Fax. Always garaged. \$11,500 obo. Contact Anthony Stiegler: 858-449-4068 or stiegleranthony@gmail.com

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

JUAN MARTINEZ



Juan bought his 1974 Spider about seven months ago. This is his first Alfa. Juan says that he became interested in Alfas because he is a history buff and a fan of F1 racing. He learned that the first two F1 season winners drove Alfas, Nino Farino and the great Fangio. Juan has not previously been involved with performance cars, but he is really enjoying the Alfa experience. He says that every time he drives the car it

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