

Romeo & Giulietta



RON BROWN MEMORIAL
PALOMAR MOUNTAIN DRIVING TOUR
VIRTUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

*Il Presidente***Rich Precario**

Well, my time is up; when I accepted this position, I had in mind a one-year term. My year is up. It's been an enlightening time; I got to work with our great membership, our great Board of Directors, and an insight into how the National club works. From a personal point of view, I've reaped the benefits of being on the Board of Directors and learned how the business of the club is done. I recommend (as I have in past issues of Romeo & Giulietta) members to volunteer for the board and get a no risk experience on how a club (or very much like a small business) operates.

When I accepted the position in December of 2019, I had envisioned I'd be involved in the activities normally done by the club; driving trips, meetings, parties, auctions, chili cook offs, picnics, cars and coffees, trips to the wineries, etc. We had a "kick off Brunch" in January and a "Cars and Coffee" in February (during a monsoon) before the Covid-19 pandemic put a damper on all activities. From March until now we have only had events involving minimal person to person interaction, always trying to maintain compliance with the Covid-19 guidelines. With the recent announcement of multiple vaccines, hopefully the end of those days is in sight during 2021. I hope it's back to normal sometime next year.

So, what can we expect in 2021, probably the same as now until the vaccines are distributed and Covid-19 pandemic is in the rearview mirror? Then it will be only a conversation topic, rather than a cause for concern. The media has been quoting the medical experts (and the California governor has stated) this could happen as soon as the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2021. Let's hope it's earlier rather than later.

I'm looking forward to getting back to "normal" and enjoying the membership in the club with all of the associated club activities. I want to thank the club membership and the chapter's Board of Directors for making this year a year to remember, in multiple ways,

and for the enlightenment and personal growth it provided.

My time is over; however, the Club is still preparing for the National Convention being held in San Diego in 2022. This is an exciting endeavor being organized and administered by Lance Dong. Ideas from club member are always welcome to make the event the best it can be, if anyone has ideas or wants to get involved with this adventure send Lance an email at araknd@gmail.com. I'm sure he would be happy to entertain everyone's ideas and participation.

Thanks to everyone for the opportunity to serve, learn, and grow.

That's all, (the last one)

IN MEMORIUM RON BROWN



Ron & Ann Brown with Ed Aenlle

In October, we lost long time member Ron Brown after a nine-year battle with lung cancer. Ron served for a number of years in the U.S. Navy and attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. We believe that he joined the club in 1977 or 1978, probably just after he purchased a new 1978 Spider. He was the second longest member of the club. Ron was one of the instigators of a surprise wedding of Annie Kuszynski and Bill Roden at an Alfa Club Oktoberfest Party in 1988. Ron was the club president when we hosted the national club convention in 1991. He and former member Fred Zimmermann used to give technical talks at the monthly club meetings. It became known as the

"Ron and Fred Show". Ron enjoyed driving his Spider to club events and seldom missed a chili cookoff at Glenna's or a Holiday Party. More recently, he drove a Corvette. For a number of years, he was a member of the Mission Bay Yacht Club. He and his wife, Ann, enjoyed kayaking on the bay. They hosted AROCSD there once for a spring barbecue in 2013. In 2016, when the club was sponsoring two scholarships to graduating automotive students from Poway High School, Ron donated his Spider to the program as a project car to be restored and exhibited at the Del Mar Fair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL TECH SESSION

JANUARY: GTV6: This event will be hosted by Dan Milhone and Lance Dong. The discussion will include the history of the GTV6, Technical Innovations, Design Strengths and Weaknesses, and recent Pricing Trends.

Due to the recent COVID shutdown, we have suspended driving events. We'll plan another tour when the restrictions are lifted.

NATIONAL AROC BOARD ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

If you would like to be on the National AROC Board Of Directors, there is a mechanism to become a nominee. If you are interested in applying, contact Rich Precario (rprecar1@san.rr.com) in December to get the details. A club is allowed to have up to two members on the national board.

LANCE DONG UP FOR NATIONAL BOARD RE-ELECTION

Our member, Lance Dong, is up for re-election this year; so please vote for him when you receive your ballot from the national office. Having representation on the national board keeps us much more tuned into what is going on with the parent organization.

RECENT EVENTS

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN TO LAKE HENSHAW TOUR

By George Hershman

Sunday morning, November 22, was a beautiful day for a drive. Nine Alfas and a Corvette met up in the North County Fair Parking lot. Ed and Nora Aenlle, Glen and Georgia Wior and Barry Armstrong drove their 4Cs; Ignacio and daughter Andrea Iturbe, George and Anita Hershman and Randy Bull their Giulias; Dan and Carrie Milhone their GTV-6; John Sorraco his 1991Spider; and Rich Precario his Corvette. Scott Currier stopped by in his Duetto to wish us a good trip. After leaving the mall, we drove out Bear Valley Parkway to the turnoff for Lake Wolford. Unfortunately, while approaching the lake, Ed and Nora hit a rock which took out one of their rear tires and damaged the rim. Rich, who was bringing up the rear of the caravan, stopped to help. The other seven cars continued around the lake and up Palomar Mountain via the South Grade Road. We made a stop at one of the mountain turnouts to check in with Ed and Nora. Glen had a repair kit and a compressor in his car so he volunteered to drive back to help. By this time Ed had determined that the sidewall of the tire was damaged and not fixable, so they had to call for a tow truck. While we were communicating with Ed and Nora, which took about 10 minutes, Ignacio and Andrea decided to go on up to the top of the mountain. While we were waiting at the turnout, four or five motorcyclists stopped. They were quite intrigued by Glen and Georgia's 4C and took a number of photos. Continuing on up the mountain, we passed several Corvettes pulled over to the roadside. Obviously, another car club enjoying the winding road. At the top of the mountain, we turned down the East Grade Road. There was much less traffic on this road, so we were able drive a little faster around the curves. We passed several old Porsches going in the opposite direction, another club out for a drive. The six remaining Alfas pulled over in front of the Lake Henshaw Café for a final photo. Dan and Carrie had brought a picnic lunch, so they stayed at the café to enjoy it. Glen, Georgia, Anita

and I drove down the road to Josie's Hideaway where we had a nice outdoor lunch while Glen entertained us with stories about his adventures while on a trip to Glacier National Park with the Jaguar Club. The other three cars headed home. All in all, it was a really fun drive (but don't ask Ed or Nora).



Starting Alfa Lineup



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Turnout on Palomar Mountain Road



Finish of the Tour at lake Henshaw



Lunch at the Biker Bar



The Aenlle's 4C Arrives Home

VIRTUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

By George Hershman

On Sunday, December 6, eleven of us got together via zoom to celebrate the holiday and discuss a number of topics relating to Alfa Romeo. Jo Ellen Green joined us from Pennsylvania. She and her husband Michael recently shipped their 1991 Spider out to California.

She said that the roads in their part of Pennsylvania are in bad condition and are too hard on an old car. They will be coming out to San Diego in February and are looking forward to enjoying their Spider on some of our twisty roads. Bill and Hillary Griffith were without power for several days due to SDG&E's shutdown in rural areas due to high fire danger. Lance Dong said that the San Marcos fire last week was only a quarter of a mile from his home.

On a happier note, Michael Young had a photo in the background of the brand new Stelvio TI Sport sitting in his driveway with a big red ribbon on the hood labeled "Naughty and Nice". The discussion then turned to electric vehicles and how soon Alfa will have one available. Autonomous vehicles then came under discussion. Michael said that he thought semitrucks would be the first to be fully automated. Jo Ellen said that might be a good thing as there had been several severe accidents back east caused by semi drivers texting and losing control of their 18-wheel rigs. Aaarg!! Scary!! Lance mentioned that the Alfa Romeo Tonale, which was previewed as a concept car in March 2019, would be a hybrid or perhaps fully electric. The question was then raised as to how much longer gas would be available for our beloved vehicles. Ed said

that he thought the transition to fully electric cars would occur quite slowly. The virtual meeting lasted about an hour and fifteen minutes. Although it wasn't as much fun as our normal holiday parties with lively gift stealing, I think we all enjoyed the discussion.

ONE FINAL THOUGHT

If you have any experiences with repairs or a product review, please submit a write up. It can be as short as a paragraph, or as lengthy as some of my ramblings. Even longer, if there's a lot to say. Contact George H. with anything you would like to submit.

The Club is looking at doing more Tech Sessions, but the whole COVID19 deal makes it difficult, but not impossible. Any requests or suggestions?

WEB SITE

I encourage all of our members to use our web site: www.arocsd.org. If you click on events and then calendar, you will be able to see a schedule of parties, tours, car shows and other things that we participate in. Clicking on an individual event on the calendar will open a sub window with more details.

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If anyone else is willing to serve on the board in 2021, please contact one of the board members listed above. We would like to have a couple more board members.