Iniezione

The newsletter of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club

Meeting in Interbay

Words by Gordy Hyde



More than two dozen Alfisti and other motoring enthusiasts appeared at Group 2 Motorsports for our monthly meeting hosted by new proprietor and long-time Alfanatic, John van Rensburg. Lots of tire-kicking,

story-telling and socializing took place prior to the short meeting followed by John's presentation to the crowd.





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Several interesting vehicles were situated in the shop bays, including motorcycles and some margues other than Alfa-Romeo. Among the Alfas on display was "Sharkey", a GTV owned (now for sale) by Ron Calkins. It is a storied car, prepared and raced by Wes Ingram prior to Ron's ownership. Mike Yates drove his immaculate GT Junior (also prepared by Wes Ingram) and parked it inside the shop for all to admire. Center stage however, was reserved for the Alfa Romeo 4C Launch Edition owned by Ef and Adrianna. Ef very graciously let people poke and prod at the car (though no test drives were offered)!!!



John explained some of his background and how he came to purchase Group 2 from our old friend (former



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NWARC Alfisti of the Year) Joe English. He went on to tell of some of his plans for the future of the shop. He has already set some of those plans into action as one can see the aftermarket parts displays, as well as racing gear that is available for purchase. He now employs five full-time experienced technicians as well as a service writer. He invited us to join his "open house" from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month and to visit the website that is constantly being updated, G2Motorsports.com.

ELECTIONS -

Part of every October meeting is the opening of nominations for the four elected club officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. (See more election info on page 4. Editor) The meeting at Group 2 was no exception as Bill Gehring was nominated for reelection by Ken Case. Cindy Akana volun-



teered to run if Bill preferred to take the year off. Merril Gordon then nominated Ken Case for V-P. Ken declined the nomination. Everybody was reminded that nominations would stay open until the meeting in November when elections would actually take place. Bill Gehring nominated yours truly to remain as Secretary followed by my nomination of Ron Calkins to remain as Treasurer. After the meeting Cindy announced that she would accept the nomination for Vice President. So the slate of officers, as nominations stand at the time of this press release is: Bill Gehring, President; Cindy Akana, V-P; Gordy Hyde, Secretary; and Ron Calkins, Treasurer. Please again note that nominations may be submitted to the Secretary (gohyde@hotmail.com) right up until the actual election on November 10 at



Another month, another pool of gasoline on the garage floor. Here's a mystery affliction with the two liter spider that I need some help solving. As we had been in France for about a month, and there was some sunny weather approaching, I wanted to see if the battery was okay. The car started easily, and I was letting it run a couple of minutes when I saw the gasoline spreading out from the back of the car. I shut it off and there was an area of twelve or fifteen feet covered with gas. I didn't get underneath to see the source, as I thought it would be obvious. Then later, I had the thought that if one thirty-two year old gas line was damaged, they should probably all be replaced so I had it flatbedded to Group 2. Guess what? They could not find the source of a leak. Multiple people looked at it, they gave it a smoke test, checked it thoroughly, and still no solution. Does anybody have an idea? I think I will also put it on the Alfa BB, and hopefully someone will come up with an answer. Right now the car is still over there, as I'm thinking that maybe if it sits for a time, it may occur again. If we can't find the problem, it might be disconcerting, as maybe it could happen anytime, and it is no fun having raw gas near the exhaust system. Then again, if I don't let it sit for a month between runnings, maybe it won't. Any ideas you might have would be appreciated.

We're back to driving in the USA, and it is a bit of a letdown. First, we had an Opel Mokka, which I think is about the same as a Buick Encore. It was only a 1.6 liter diesel with a six speed, but it cruised comfortably at 140 kph (about 87 mph) at only about

2500 rpm and easily had more when I put my foot in it. I really appreciated the thigh extender on the seat cushion, GPS, back-up camera, distance warnings all around the car and great vision, none of which exist on our ten year old Audi. Maybe it is time for a new car, but we are still trying to wait for the Guilia.

Of course, those of you who have done it know that driving on European highways is a real treat, too. Everyone stays right except to pass and besides slower cars, we passed thousands of trucks in the right lane. There are few exits/ entrances and fuel/food stops are clearly announced, as well as the distance to the next one or two, which really helps with planning. Radar warnings are clearly marked, and in about two thou-

sand miles I don't think we saw a single police car patrolling. What a contrast to driving in the USA.

We saw lots of interesting cars that we don't see here, but relatively few Alfa Romeos. When we did, though, they were impressive. Their snarly headlights made them distinctive and I was especially impressed with the Giuliettas. It is too bad we didn't and won't get them here. There were 159's, 156's, and 147's, and at a garage in Switzerland there were more vintage ones, an 80's spider, GTs, GTVs and a fun 1930's Peugeot. We also saw a Giiulietta spider in the Dordogne and a GT in Paris, in horrible traffic but with a smiling driver. There was a 4C in Provence, with the ugly projector headlights. I'm glad they aren't on the cars here. Other notable cars were a few Ferraris, Maseratis, etc. in Paris and three Tesla taxis! There were some real exotics going the other direction on the highways, but they were so low I could only see their tops and couldn't identify them. We even saw a few Mustangs and a new Corvette. A large part of the fun of traveling to Europe is seeing the cars.

Plans for the AROC Holiday Party, Festa di Amici, are set. Ristorante Marianna is a fun place and the food is good. It is easy to get to, the parking will be ample, the price is right and it will be a good time. Sign up information is in this issue, and I hope to see you there. I hope you are thinking about what you can contribute to the silent auction, too.

Bill Gehring NWARC President



November Meeting

Tuesday, November 10



The club's next monthly meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 10th** at Wild About Cars Garage at 11200 Kirkland Way in Kirkland, WA 98033.

The meeting is scheduled to **start at 6:30 PM** with the main feature being the election of your club officers for next year. You should cast your vote so come and support your candidate.

After the high level politics are dealt with, Mirko Freguia will share some racing videos with us. His show will include a conference race and the Maryhill Hill Climb event.

At the time the meeting starts, we will have a variety of options available for you to order food to be delivered from nearby restaurants. When the food arrives, we'll break for dinner. Food choices include pizza, subs, Italian dinner and others. Wine and water will be provided by the club.

See you there. Should be fun.





Just the Facts...

The Iniezione is the monthly newsletter of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club, a non-profit organization of Alfa Romeo enthusiasts. NWARC is a regional chapter of the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club (AROC). Chapter meetings are typically held the second Tuesday of most months except December. Membership dues are \$68 per year, which includes subscriptions to either the digital and/or print versions of the Iniezione and the monthly national publication, Alfa Owner. For information about joining the club, contact the membership director listed in the right hand column. Opinions expressed in the Iniezione are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the club. (The author may simply be nuts!) Publication of articles describing technical procedures does not constitute an endorsement by the club, its officers, or AROC. It is the responsibility of the person performing any procedure to accept all consequences of his or her actions. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone would take personal responsibility?

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Its Your Turn To Make Your Mark!

We have a lot of great talent in our club membership, and now is the time to share yours. Club leadership elections are coming in one month. Elections, held on November 10th, will be for club officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All positions are part of the Leadership Board along with volunteer positions for the Activities, Membership, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor. Between now and then, if you like what the club does, enjoy the events and information, and the social aspects, then step up and do your small part to support the club. Here are outlines of the elected roles so you'll know what to volunteer for.



President: The easiest job on the Board. Controls the activities of the overall Board, runs the Board meetings, and presides over the club meetings. Writes a monthly column for the newsletter. Helps to find and fill openings in club com-

mittee spots. Typically uses around 4 hours monthly and requires only passion and some leaderships skills!

Vice President: Backs up the club President, arranges locations and speakers (if any) for monthly club meetings, and tracks attendance at monthly club meetings. Typically requires 2 to 3 hours per month and some organization and communication skills!

Secretary: Note taker for club and board meetings. Forwards the meeting notes to other board and committee members. Requires only organization and communication skills and around an hour per month!

Treasurer: This role keeps our club finances in line, tracks the money, pays the club bills, and follows good accounting practices. May need up to 4 or 5 hours monthly.

You can volunteer for Non-Elected positions: Activities, Membership, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor. It's not unheard of for people to sign up as a team with another member. (Wife & husband? Friend & friend?)

Activities: Track all events on the calendar and minimize conflicts. The role requires social skills and some organization talent as well as an hour per month.

Membership: Welcome new members to the club with an e-mail or phone call, as well as provide info about the club to prospective members. Brag about the cool things we do as part of NWARC. Look for ways to attract new members and keep current ones. Requires a couple hours per month and good social skills.

Webmaster: Keeps information up to date on the website with the latest meeting info, and newsletter postings. Needs a couple hours per month and requires understanding basic web applications and programming.

Newsletter Editor: You need to gather stories and photos from people attending events, or "report" the event yourself. Pull together info about news, up-coming events, meetings, or any dirt you can find to put into the monthly digital and print newsletters. The requirements are some mild computer skills, reasonable communication, and about 16 hours per month... plus attendance at events. This could be done as a team like almost every other club newsletter.

You can get more specifics on each of these roles by contacting the current people using info found on page 3 of this newsletter. Each role is rather easy, fun to do, and there's opportunity for learning on the job, and most importantly, its a chance to take your turn as a leader in the best Alfa Romeo club around.

AROC Website Gets Refreshed



Its been a long time coming (I think since the early 90s) but the AROC website has been updated. Its fresh and new and represents our club well. Though many of the links are still not completely setup much of it works well and you can see what it is supposed to do. It requires a login, but when you first log on it directs you, through the Forgot Your Password process to get your new credentials. It has photo links, service and parts resources, contact info, membership tools, and tech service manuals. Go to www.AROC-USA.org and check it out. Its been worth the wait.



Here is another image, made just for fun, of what the new Giulia might look like if they made a 2 door coupe version. This image was made by **Alessandro Masera** who is a "Photoshopper and photographer with a passion for cars." It has an Italian Mustang look to it.

Alex Sargeant, over at Maserati, Alfa Romeo, Fiat of Kirkland was surprised to get a bright red Alfa 4C Launch Edition in on trade. It only had 634 miles. Any day now, Kirkland's first **Alfa 4C Spider** should arrive as well. (The first one in the nation was delivered to a customer in San Diego just a few days ago.) Once the Spider arrives, Alex will have another used 4C on the lot so make sure you plan to check these cars out!

The largest vintage car show in Italy was just held Oct 22-25 in Padua; **Auto e Moto d'epoca** 2015. Amazing show with plenty of Alfas with the Museo sending the new Giulia as well as Giulia TI Super, Giulia SS, Giulia TZ2, and Giulia Sprint GTA... really showing off the heritage we all love.

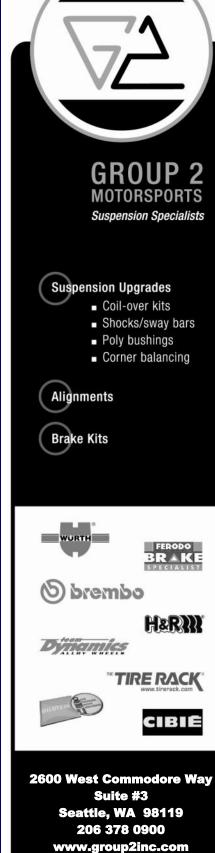
Many of us have had questions about our older Alfa Romeos regarding their origins, color, owner history, etc. Who do we contact? Centro Documentazione at Alfa Ro-





meo. (centrodocumentazione@museoalfaromeo.com) It used to be Elvira Ruocco but she recently was replaced by Marco Fazio, another solid Alfanatic since he was 3 years old. His office is in the Museo Storico, but to meet him, you simply need watch the feature on the web site, Petrolicious. Check it out and see who is behind the e-mails to:

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The club's Holiday Party is coming to Renton this year! Trying out a new restaurant location, known as Marianna's which a few of us have enjoyed sampling a couple times!

Join your fellow Alfisti for the good food, fun presentation, new club officer intros, Alfista of the Year presentation, and the ever popular auction tables.

The registration is \$50 per person (Club Members & their guests). Sign up for the party at **Motorsportsreg.com** (If you don't want to use Motorsportsreg, you can contact **Ron Calkins** at **Tip1Ring1@gmail.com** to sign up.)

Reminder! If you want to **donate items to the Auction Table** (like Alfa books, miniatures, art, services, vacation getaways at your cabin, wine, homemade biscotti or jam... Be creative), contact **Judy at 425 822 4231.**



What: Festa di Amici (NWARC Holiday Gala)
When: December 13, 5:30 PM— 9:30 PM

Where: Marianna Ristorante 310 Wells Ave S Renton, WA 98057 Free parking in 2 lots across street

RSVP / Register by Dec 3, Noon at the latest.

Appetizers: Meat and cheese platter, Misto platter: roast peppers, eggplant, marinated cannellini beans, Italian bread slices, Olive mix, Margarita and sausage/salami pizza slices

Dinner includes Caesar, mixed green salad or minestrone, then Chicken Marsala with pasta, cheese ravioli with mushrooms and Aurora sauce, or house-made lasagna. Dessert is tiramisu or spumoni

Beverage options are coffee, tea and soft drinks at no additional price. House Sangiovese or Pinot Gris \$6.50/glass or \$25/bottle

Full bar, draft beer, espresso drinks, Italian and domestic wine list available for purchase.

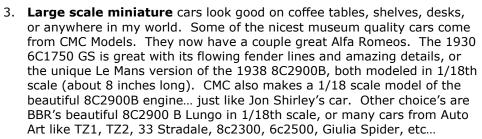
Gift Ideas For The Alfisti in Our Lives

I rarely have any challenges with gift ideas for myself, but many of us Alfisti are tough to buy for on holidays. Why? Simply that we're very opinionated, detail focused, and keyed to sutleties. For example, we may love Alfa Romeo Spiders, but only the Duettos. Often, our spouses, family, and friends try to be aware of our specific interests and may try to get us gifts at holidays they know we'd like.

Here is where we an help those who care about us. Here are a number of great items... you need only to highlight a couple items you want and leave this newsletter sitting around where they'll find it. If you read the digital version, there's no reason you can't print this page. This is a nice way to help those around us... think of it as a win, win.

Below are some of the fun ideas I can think of, and if you have others, you can share them and perhaps I'll publish them in the next newsletter.

- 1. A new updated version of the book, Museo Storico Alfa Romeo (The Catalogue) has been published by Giorgio Nada Editore to celebrate the reopening of the Alfa Romeo Museum in Arese, Italy. I saw this 224 page coffee table book at the museum and it beautifully covers all the cars displayed, a number that are not in the museum, a feature on creative designs, and the history of the marque.
- 2. Another book is pricey but worth the money for its contents and investment value! Simon Moore's latest 2 book set is The Magnificent Monopostos. These fantastic books cover the history and details about the legendary Alfa Romeo race cars of 1923 through 1951 that helped create the brands great respect and reputation throughout the world. If too pricey for your gift budget, give them a gift certificate towards this book... this should be on every Alfisti's shelf. This book will probably appreciate in value since every other book Simon Moore has produced has gone up in value.





5. For a wider selection from Alfa Romeo, you'll have to reach further afar. http://store.alfaromeo.com/gb_en/ At this site you'll find jackets, pens, logo paper weights, Giulia TI gift book, and more.













- 6. Many of us have seen some of the great Alfa Romeo Badge sweatshirts, pull-overs, t-shirts, hats, and jackets produced by our own member Tony Schmid. Many of Tony's shirts are seen all over the country as his work is outstanding and popular. In fact, there may be a few of these shirts already in the house that are aging and need to be replaced. Contact Tony at ajsdesigns3311@yahoo.com to see what he has for you to gift!
- 7. Plan to attend the NWARC Holiday Gala on Dec 13th and shop at the always wonderful auction tables.
- 8. How about a bottle of wine with the Alfa Romeo logo in the glass? You can order that from www.winemadeeasy.com/alfa-romeo-blanc-de-noir-nv-750-ml-32463.html for \$29.00 plus shipping to the NW.
- 9. A fun simple local idea is if you've seen a photo of you, your spouse, your car, or just an image from an event that was published in the newsletter, I can **print out a nice photo** at whatever size you may want to drop into a frame. Just let me know which one you want and I'm happy to help. fktmrussell@msn.com
- 10. Every Alfisti needs to sit down every once in a while and their desk, end table, night stand could use a good Alfa Romeo lamp. Go to Sears.com and search for: LAMP IN A BOX, LLC. Transportation - Alfa Romeo Sport Silver Lamp. Very cool lamp that looks and works great... I have one in my Alfa guest room.





Member Recommendation!

Have a parts or service provider you have found to be highly satisfactory? Share your wisdom at casekb@msn.com. With your help, we can all be better automotive consumers. This month, we have a new addition!

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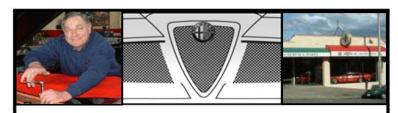
Security Safe & Lock, Inc., Bellevue - Lock rebuilding Speedometer Service, Portland - Speedometer and tachometer repair and calibration

Tire Rack Internet - Tires, wheels and parts Vancity Plating, Burnaby BC - Chrome plating and polishing

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Autumn Drive ReCap

As the days turn cooler and the trees signal the coming winter with their show of various oranges, yellows, and reds, it also signals time for Paul Melrose and the NW Citroen Club to host another scenic drive. Though the weather on October 25th wasn't sunny like it was back in 2014, this year still had plenty of interesting cars, nice roads, fall colors, and fine food. Here are a few of the photos that Shannon Low shared from the event. Thanks Shannon, and thanks also to Paul for both organizing the event and for inviting us along.







Classified Ads Cars & Parts For Sale!









Car For Sale: 1975 Alfa Romeo Spider Very solid, straight, complete... It has a clear, original title, no rust on body except the bottom of the spare tire well which obviously trapped water and rusted out. Rockers, fenders, floorpans are all solid. Back in 2008, the owner took out the engine and then had the head & valves redone at Westbay in Port Orchard. Owner never put the engine back in, though its reassembled and all reassembly parts are included. Car has been repainted but it wasn't the best prep and the paint needs redoing. Top looks pretty good but needs a rear window. Let me know your thoughts or questions. \$1000 delivered to you, or best offer. **Call Tom at 360 355 8774**







Parts For Sale: Make an offer on Dellorto carbs with or without key parts, an oil pan from something soon after 101, some starter motors, a generator, a fly wheel presumable from 101 series car and center console. Call **Fred R at 425 308 6621** with your wish list.

Parts For Sale: 3 new '78-79 Alfetta Sedan doors with factory stickers on them. Also for sale- a 3L block for Milano/GTV6 new. Must sell-make offers. **Call Peter in Seattle at 239-292-4838.**

Wheels For Sale: 4 Alloy 5 spoke wheels from a 1985 Spider. These look really nice! \$300 Call Jeff at 206 300 6468

2015 / 2016 Calendar of Club & Local Car Events

- Nov 10 NWARC Meeting / Elections
 Kirkland Wild About Cars Garage
- Nov 15 NWARC Driver Skills School Monroe (Evergreen Speedway)
- Nov 15 Desert Concorso Palm Springs, CA
- Dec 13 NWARC Holiday Gala Festa di Amici Marianna's Renton
- Jan 1 NWARC Anti-Football New Year's Drive
- Jan 12 NWARC Club Meeting
- Feb 9 NWARC Club Meeting
- Mar 16 NWARC Driver Skills School Monroe (Evergreen Speedway)
- April 17 FEN Italina Car Show Triple X Drive In Issaquah, WA
- June 13-20 AROC Nat'l Convention Nashville TN
- July 17 Ducati / All Things Italian Show Summerian Brewery, Woodinville

Event ideas? Contact: Earl Krygier webmaster@nwalfaclub.com



The beauty and diversity of the Alfas that greeted us at Group 2 Motorsports for our November visit. Photo by Gordy Hyde.