

Iniezione

The newsletter of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club

Bringin' On the Green at the O'Faherty's

Words by Fred Russell
Photos by / of Gordy Hyde

As consistent as the coming of Spring, our members, Joe & Lynn Faherty put together their gathering of friends for the St. Patrick's Party, held on March 19, at their home on Fox Island. With a wonderful house, sitting on a hill looking onto the waters of the South Sound area, this event provides a scenic day for all.

Arriving early meant plenty of time to walk down the path to their cabin on the beach, and then wander the shoreline. With sunshine and no wind, the water was almost glass like making skipping stones easy, even when I tossed a few that weren't the perfect flat "skippers." The tide was quietly heading out



and exposing a wonderful

beach with lots of shells, driftwood, views, birds, and odd remnants of a pier or dock from long, long ago. If I'd tried, perhaps we could have found some sea glass but instead, settled for a sand dollar that was more the size of a sand fifty cent piece and a nice shell to add to the fish tank. Deciding it belonged in nature, we put the sand dollar back before heading back up to the party.

Returning to the house, the crowd had grown and food was being served. As a potluck style there is always lots of great choices and too many desserts. There are a number of non-Alfa club people that attend, but they are always fun new friends and quick to share conversations and greetings.



A few club members have become regular attendees at this gathering but there is often a few surprises as well. This year, a long time member who has been missing for the last few years, Terry Frye, stopped by to share in the festivities. He's working in the Dakotas at the moment and had been in town for a visit and took the time to join in for the party and the great food.

Thank you Joe & Lynn, for hosting and for helping us all be a wee bit Irish, at least for one day a year. 🍀



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it was built just to go in a straight line. Except for the hood, Camaro seats and large wheels and tires, the body looked straight and stock. The buyer even emphasized that it was rust-free and it was interesting that the many photos included Alfa Romeo details, emblems, etc. The listing expired without a sale, so I imagine it is still in Arkansas.

We continue to be teased by Giulia news. The complete line was at the New York Auto Show, lucky not to be lost among the

This will start off with good news/bad news. The bad news is that Judy and I now have only one Alfa Romeo. The good news is that the Giulietta is still a local car and we have some new club members.

After a lot of deliberation (and advice from club members) on how to sell it, I was still undecided, so I put it on Craigslist just as a type of trial balloon. Can you believe that led to the sale? Even though we sold our 164 and cars for our son and daughter-in-law that way, Craigslist continues to amaze me. There was interest from someone on Bainbridge Island for a friend in Europe and calls from California. The buyers, a very nice couple from Puyallup, with ties in local vintage racing, were very thorough in their inspections, and I think very happy in the end that they have the car. I anticipate that we will be seeing them and the car at club events and I am looking forward to that.

I have seen some other interesting cars for sale lately, too, including at least one abomination. I liked the nice twin spark Giulia TI that was on Bring-a-Trailer and was surprised that it bought only \$18,000. On the other hand, there was an unbelievable 1958 Giulietta spider on ebay. It had a small block 350 with an automatic and a Ford rear end. Can you imagine trying to go around a corner in that? It had drum brakes in the rear and was tubbed, so I imagine

1,000 vehicles on display. I am not sure I would choose the blue that was on one of the display models, but I do like the idea that the middle trim level is going to be called the Ti. The base and the Ti will have eight speed automatics and there will be sport, luxury and performance packages. I did not see interior photos or any pricing information, so those will be among the details that Alfa deems to release when they want to. I'm looking forward to seeing the car in the flesh.

We're seeing more sun and will have some chances to have the cars out this month. On April 12, we'll be at Wild about Cars for our monthly meeting. The Italian Car Gathering at the XXX in Issaquah is always interesting, and will be April 17. Judy and I missed the last two, which was a big break to Fred and Gordy, but plan to be at the Tulip Rally, April 23. It is about time we had a different winner from our club. I hope to see you at one or all of these.

Bill Gehring
NWARC President



Club Meeting Wild About Cars Garage Tuesday, April 12

Our April 12 club meeting will be back at Wild About Cars Garage and will include a home-cooked pasta dinner. So instead of ordering food for the April club meeting, simply come ready to wine and dine family style. Donations will be appreciated to cover the cost of the food and beverages.

Taking a vote at the last club meeting, most members were in support of hosting the 2018 Alfa Romeo Nat'l Convention in the NW. Gordy Hyde will lead the April club meeting to develop a convention bidding plan to present at this summer's AROC Board Meeting in Nashville. So bring yourself and your ideas to share and show support for this exciting adventure. Everyone's input is valuable even if it's a simply, "Yes, I'm in!"

Where: Wild About Cars, 11200 Kirkland Way #200, Kirkland

When: Tuesday April 12 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Food: Pasta dinner will be provided

Bring: Your ideas, sense of humor, Alfa stories, and a donation for food & beverages

What: Convention 2018 in our own backyard!!

(If you enjoyed the outstanding Potlatch Convention we hosted in 2005, this is your chance to be part of another great event. If you missed the 2005 Potlatch, here your path to not miss out again. Lastly, if you didn't like something about the 2005 Convention, here is your chance to set us on the right path for a great event. Editor)

35th Annual Tulip Rallye

April 23

Make your plans now to attend the MG Car Club's 35th annual Tulip Rallye on April 23! Reschedule anything in the way and plan to start from the Skagit Valley Mall in Burlington and wander the scenic roads of Skagit County. Along the way, answer the gimmick questions, stay on course, and enjoy the great variety of cars, including Alfa Romeos. The competition is fun, but tough amongst friends and family.

Go to: <http://www.mgccnwc.com/> or fill out the registration form and mail to the address below. Then plan to have fun!

YES! I want to participate in the 35th Annual Tulip Rallye (And win for Alfa Romeos)

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Phone _____ **Type of Car** _____

Address _____

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Informazioni Generali

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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Alfa Romeo News

AROO Track Day coming up on Sunday, April 24. With the lack of track events in NWARC, this is a great opportunity for people to get out and exercise the car. Held on the wonderful Portland International Raceway, you know this will be fun. Cost \$240 for the day. Register by going to the AROO website at: http://www.alfclub.org/Track_Days.html



Never content fading into history, though they've certainly earned the right after become a legend in the car design world, **Carrozzeria Touring** has created another outstanding design. Three years ago they launched coupe version of the Alfa Romeo Disco Volante, and now they have launched the open top, Spyder. They will only make 7 of these Disco Volante Spyderys, based on the 8cCompetizione chassis, suspension, brakes, 4.7 Ltr engine, transmission, dashboard, and more... The body is made from both hand shaped alloy and carbon fibre parts. Would be nice to see one of these in the area... it was displayed at the 2016 Geneva Motor Show.

Probably with the sole purpose of frustrating people like me, Sterling Anderson at Tesla Motors wanted to make an Alfa 4C go faster... so he put it on a trailer, hooked to a nice new Tesla Model X (SUV) P90D. To prove he'd made a good choice, he did a **drag race towing the trailer and 4C behind his Model X against a standard Alfa 4C.** Damn... the Tesla won, which means the 4C is faster on a trailer than not. Our member Greg Whitten can confirm how quick it is as he drives one daily.

Over at Motor Trend magazine, the Editor-at-Large, **Angus MacKenzie**, who has been a career long journalist focused on cars wrote a nice memorial column for his father who passed away recently. In the piece, he talks of what a wonderful, kind, capable, and patient man his father had been. Angus talked of how his passion started after his father shared a few cars, including a '65 Alfa GTV with him... leading to his own '67 Giulia Super, then '67 GTV. Clearly his car passion runs deep and he got it from a true Alfista.



Speaking of magazines, the **January 2016 issue of Classics Monthly** has a wonderful article about restoring an **Alfa Romeo 164**. Well written and entertaining. The owner, Chris Cousins chose a base car... not even an S Model to restore. He's located in the Yorkshire region of the UK. His car is RHD, which made me smile as he needed to replace the impossible to find inside door handle, just like our US cars. You might question the value of restoring a 164 but plenty of cars that are "under valued" get tossed away and then suddenly the next generation realizes we were nuts and values them. There are definitely plenty of Alfisti that ignore, or bad mouth the 164, but there are plenty of others who think they are really good. I'm proud to be in that latter group. Either way you fall on this car, it's a nice read and a passionate Alfa guy.





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All Italian Car Show April 17

Each year, the local Fiat Enthusiast Northwest (FEN) hosts their All Italian Car Show in Issaquah at the Triple X Drive In. Drawing lots of Fiats, Abarths, DeTomaso, Ferrari, Maserati, and a few Lamborghini and Lancia... it also draws a good mix of Alfa Romeos as well.

This event is intended to be a light-hearted, fun, for Italian car buffs and their families. All Italian cars, in any condition from projects to daily drivers to concours ready, are wholeheartedly welcome. Spend time with fellow Italian car enthusiasts immersed in automotive indulgence. There will be no white glove inspections, no examinations for authentic restorations, but simply the enjoyment that comes from spending quality time with fellow car enthusiasts.



Registration Fee: Advance registration is \$15.00. Day-of-show registration fee is \$20.00. A portion of the proceeds are donated to the Life Enrichment Options program, a non-profit organization that seeks to foster a community that fully engages people with developmental disabilities based on their individual choices in all areas of community life.

www.allitaliancarshow.com/ Register online!

Plan to bring your car. Shiny or not, and enjoy the day at the XXX Root Beer Drive-in 98 NE Gilman Drive, Issaquah, Washington 98027

Check-in begins at 8 a.m. or so Show ends at 3 p.m. or so.



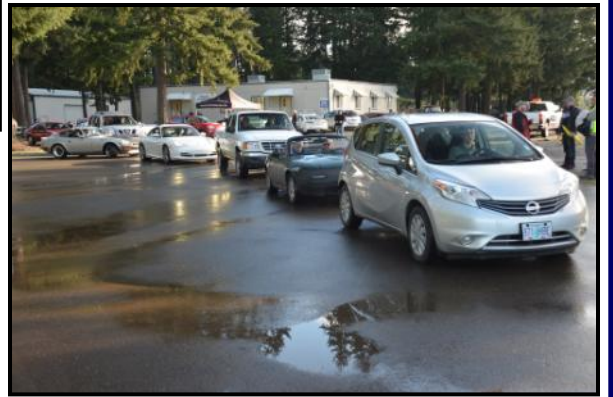
Driver Skills Clinic

Words by Mirko Ferguia
Photos by Gordy Hyde

NWARC held another successful Driver Skills Clinic on March 5 at Pacific Raceways. As usual a wide variety of vehicle types took part and a wide driver experience, from newly licensed teens to "seasoned" drivers enjoyed the day.

A huge Thanks to all our volunteers for giving up their entire day to help as instructors and ground crew. A special Thanks to Alfa Romeo & Fiat of Kirkland for their continued sponsorship and support of these events, and to PROVA Motorsports for stepping up as a sponsor as well.

Our next Driver Skills Clinic will on November 12. Watch for it!



Cars From Around the World

Sometimes, he left the house at 4 o'clock in the morning and was gone two to three weeks at a time. Europe was his main destination, but sometimes it was Japan or simply the East Coast. But whenever he returned, he shared pictures of cars most people will never see, he shared stories of famous race drivers he rubbed elbows with that most of us will never meet, and he shared informative snapshots of his travels through Facebook posts.



I felt fortunate to be a recipient of his pictures, stories, and posts; but also felt sad that others didn't get to enjoy the fruit of his travels. So I was thrilled when Fred Russell agreed to share pictures and tales of his car-centered wanderings in Europe at our NWARC March club meeting.

Fred's presentation was "spot on" as they say in the UK. It was engaging and entertaining as he took the club on a journey through prominent car museums in Europe.

With photos from museums in Germany, Italy, and the UK, we got a hearty glimpse of the diverse museum structures and the unique display of cars in each. We enjoyed Bugattis, Ferraris, Lotus', Aston Martins, Lamborghinis and, of course, Alfa Romeos—both vintage and new. Photos of quaint streets in France, the countryside in Italy, and grand castles in Germany were tastefully placed throughout the presentation to separate the various 2D museum tours.

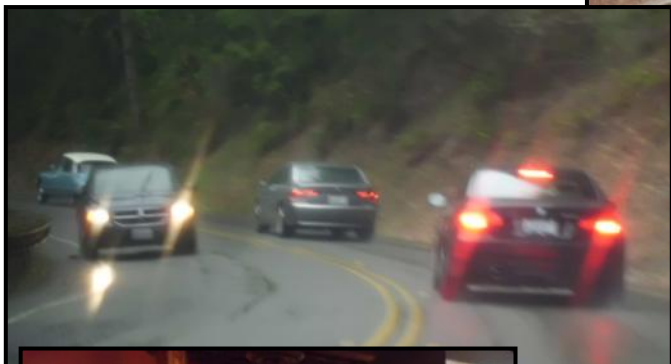
His story of lunch with Sir Moss Sterling was humorous and a bit awe-inspiring, and the story about the people of Mulhouse France who saved their town by taking over the Schlumpf brother's collection of Bugattis and then running them out of town showed us how cars have been and are still a significant part of world history. All in all, it was a festive evening at Wild About Cars with pizzas and subs, wine, shoptalk, club business, and Fred's Cars Around the World presentation as a grand finale. *By Cindy Akana*



Multi Club Spring Drive

In years past, numerous Alfa club members joined along on this fun, short drive hosted by the NW Citroen Club. This year, only a couple members came out on March 20. Maybe the rain clouds rolling above us, with a random shower scared a few, but after all, these are cars and they are meant to be driven.

Starting from a Starbucks on Coal Creek



Parkway and wandering a number of twisty backroads southbound through Renton and towards the Maple Valley area, we pasted neighborhoods, parks, gravel pits, and rivers until we found our way to a quick stop at Lake Wilderness Park.



Next, we wandered further south using rural country roads, passing through the little towns of Ravensdale, Black Diamond, and Enumclaw. Once reaching our furthest southern point, we turned back north and west near Krain's Korner and came up wonderful farm roads and back into Auburn for a lunch and social time.

As usual, the mix of people and cars is far reaching from old Citroen Traction Avant to new Ferraris. I had the only Alfa Romeo, but our other member, Shannon Low can along in another Italian car... even if not an Alfa.

The route, cars, people, and food made up for any mild rain drops that fell. It was a pleasant way to start the car season in a beautiful part of the world... while surrounded by cars from all over the world.



Forza Adds Another Great Alfa Romeo



On March 16, the Turn 10 Studio team made **Tazio Nuvolari's 1934 Alfa Romeo Tipo B** from the 1935 German Grand Prix victory, available as part of the Meguiar's Car Pack for Forza Motorsport 6



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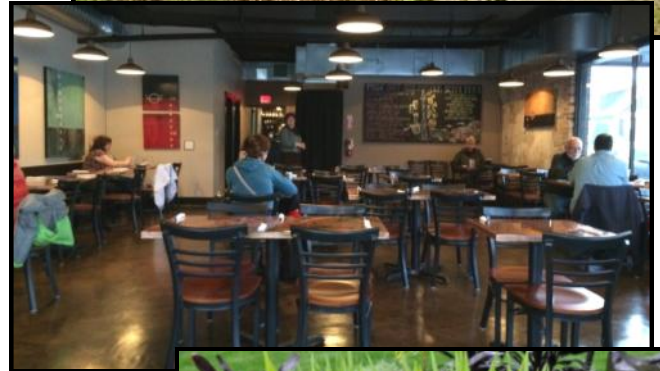
NWARC Annual Garden Tour

Save the date: June 4, 2016 9 AM - 4 PM

The 2016 Garden Tour will begin at the beautiful Point Defiance Park in Tacoma, WA. There are seven separate gardens <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/gardens/> to view including the Rose, Fuchsia, Herb, Iris, Japanese (maybe under renovation), Dahlia Gardens (not in bloom in the spring) and the Native Garden where we will have a Docent Tour.

After touring the gardens we will enjoy a drive through the park stopping to enjoy the views of the Narrows Bridges. At the exit of the park we will park in the town of Ruston and visit the Jungle Fever Exotics Garden Center and eat lunch at the Point Defiance Tap & Grill. <http://pointdefiancetapandgrill.com/>

The tour will take us onto the scenic Ruston Way around the Port of Tacoma to Dash Point where we will visit Powellswood Garden. <http://powellswood.org/> This garden is a Northwest pleasure garden tucked away in a Federal Way neighborhood, the three acres of PowellsWood are nestled against another thirty-five acres of native successional forest. A series of exquisite hedges help define several distinct garden rooms graced with more than a thousand varieties of trees, shrubs and perennials.



The last stop will be a few miles up the road at Furney's Nursery. Furney's has been growing and selling plants that are especially grown to thrive in the Pacific Northwest for over 60 years. They offer an incredible array of plants that you are sure to enjoy in your garden. <http://furneysnursery.com>



Please RSVP to debischmid@yahoo.com by May 30 to receive driving directions and lunch reservation information. I hope to see you in the garden



Duetto Caravan to Monterey? 50th Anniversary!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Alfa Romeo "Duetto" Spider. Keith Martin, of Sports Car Market magazine fame, is sponsoring the Duetto Celebration at Concorso this summer. Keith has asked if there is any interest in organizing an unsponsored (unless we can convince him to do otherwise) caravan/tour from Seattle / Portland to Monterey for Concorso Italiano (On Saturday, August 20).

Also... calling any/all volunteers to help plan this event. Please contact Doug Zaitz at webmaster@alfaclub.org soon!

NWARC / AROO Doug Zaitz



The monthly Alfa Owner publication has provided great details and event information regarding the upcoming AROC National Convention in hosted this year the Tennessee chapter in the music city; Nashville. This is a wonderful excuse to see what makes Nashville great. In June it may be a bit hot and humid for us cool northwesterners but its well worth it. Of course the Alfa Romeo events, friends, and sights are a huge draw but in addition, the music heritage is amazing. The Opryland Hotel, Grand Ole Opry (Weird Al Yankovic performing), countless bars in town all have fun musicians, Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Ryman Auditorium (Ringo Star will be performing).

Buy music event tickets in advance at: <http://tickets.nashville.com/events/grand-ole-opry>

For me, I'm too much of a car guy to be in Nashville and not visit the Lane Motor Museum (Site of the Welcome Party on the 15th). I know the owner, Jeff Lane, and you'll enjoy his eclectic car passion! Also, the Bellissima display of 19 stunning Italian cars, including all three B.A.T. cars. Join the optional AROC event on the 15th or find your own time to visit. The Concours for the convention is being held on the grounds of a 151 year old mansion along the banks of the Cumberland River and Stone River.

This convention brags that they are within 1 day drive of 60% of the USA population... we in NWARC are in the 40%. It is a long way... 2400 miles each way and even if you drive like me, that will take you 28 hours non-stop, non-breakdown, 2 bathroom stops, eating while you drive. The good news is Alaska Airlines flies direct to Nashville from Sea-Tac every day.

One great idea, is what Merrill and I have discussed... one drives a car out, and flies home while the other flies out and drives the car home. Talk to your fellow members and work out a plan, but whatever you do, figure out how to get to Nashville for the fun and Alfa passion that is the National Convention. <http://www.alfa2016.com/>

** Besides, they must have the coolest event logo I have ever seen.



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.

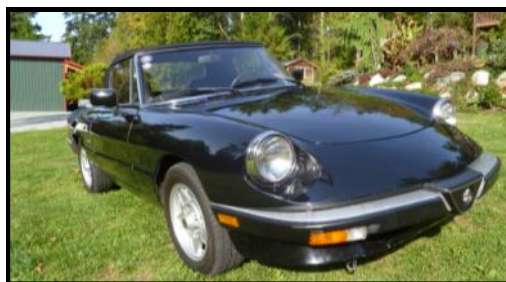
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Parts For Sale: Make an offer on Dellorto carbs with or without key parts, an oil pan from something soon after 101, some starter motors, a generator, a fly wheel presumable from 101 series car and center console. Call **Fred at 425 308 6621.**

Car For Sale: 1978 Alfa Romeo Spider 138,000 miles, Red with black top. Has been on a few NWARC tours years ago, but has since been sitting in my garage. Battery is dead, but when jump started it starts and runs. Looking for \$5000. Comes with a car cover. **Contact: tobin_jennifer_ann@hotmail.com**

Car For Sale: 1990 Alfa Romeo Spider in very nice condition as shown in the photos. The odometer reads 92400 miles. The StayFast top is relatively new and in excellent condition. The upgraded leather seats are in perfect condition. The paint is in very nice condition. The car runs very well and is a pleasure to drive. Asking price: \$6900.00. Call **360-387-0387** (Camano Island)

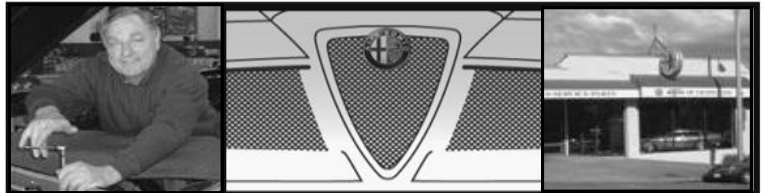


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2016 Calendar of Club & Local Car Events

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- April 24 AROO Track Day Portland International Raceway (www.alfaclub.org) See page 4.
- **May 10** **NWARC Meeting**
- May 21 FEN Spring Primavera Tour (fiatnorthwest.org)
- **June 4** **NWARC Garden Tour Tacoma See page 9.**
- June 4-6 FEN 3 Day Drive (For details and Reservations go to fiatnorthwest.org)
- **June 14** **NWARC Meeting**
- **June 13-20** **AROC Nat'l Convention Nashville TN**
- June 19 French & Italian Car Show Vancouver BC
- **July 1** **NWARC PreHistorics BBQ Patitz home**
- **July 1-3** **SOVREN Pacific NW Historics Vintage Races Pacific Raceways**
- July 10 PNW Ferrari Club of America Concours. Renton, WA
- July 17 Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance Oregon
- July 17 Ducati / All Things Italian Show Summerian Brewery, Woodinville
- **Aug 6** **NWARC Viva Italia St Edwards State Park Kenmore?**
- Aug 20 Concorso Italiano Blackhorse Golf Ranch Monterey CA
- Aug 27 LeMay Family Car Show Tacoma, WA
- Sept 11 PNW Concours d'Elegance LeMay Museum Tacoma
- **Sept 17-19** **NWARC Half-Fast Lap of Washington Northeast wanderings.**
- Sept 17,18 Maryhill Hillclimb Goldendale, WA
- Sept 23-25 Oregon Festival of Cars Bend, OR
- Sept 24,25 Festa Italiana Seattle Center
- **Nov 12** **NWARC Driver Skills Clinic TBD**
- **Dec 11** **NWARC Holiday Party**

