

Iniezione

The newsletter of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club

Ken Case Runs the Old Spider Tour

It was a cool and clear morning April 16 when a hardy group of Alfisti gathered in Washougal, Washington to start the 23rd annual Old Spider Tour. This tour, like all its predecessors, was organized by Erik Roe of Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon (AROO).

Erik's reputation for organizing a lively tour encouraged a good turnout for an event scheduled so early in the season. Twenty two cars arrived, 21 Alfa Romeos and one Audi Romeo driven by an Alfista who didn't quite get his old spider back together in time for the event. Of these entrants, nine were, in fact, old spiders, 5 Giulias and 4 Giuliettas. All the old spiders were driven by their "age appropriate" owners.

After some short organizing details, the group headed up the Washougal River on a lovely winding road. For those with their tops down, there was some concern about hands freezing to steering wheels but the route more than made up for the discomfort. Before frostbite set in, we came down from the hills, and headed East to our first rest stop. We gathered at Maryhill State Park on the banks of the Columbia River. Fifty miles in and we had one set of brake lights inactive, one ignition switch misbehaving and one generator that was attempting to go its own way. About right for twenty plus well aged Alfas.

The next several hours were spent scampering over south-central Washington at brisk speeds that were sometimes legal. The scenery was magnificent, the weather was great and the route was a delight. In the late afternoon we crossed over the Columbia River into Oregon, arriving in The Dalles in time for evening festivities.

Dinner was served after a short presentation at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles. This facility displays the history of the region and is well worth a visit. The catering staff was initially a little short on food for our hardy group, but the condition was soon corrected and a good time was had by all.

Sunday's route brought more spirited travel, this time in north-central Oregon. We traveled East then South to Condon and into the beautiful Cottonwood Canyon State Park. We zipped in and out of various canyons,

resting in the John Day Fossil Beds before traveled along the Deschutes River and the Rowena Loops. The end of the tour found us in Mosier Oregon happy with the tour and ready to try it again next year.

The Old Spider Tour is an event for those who want to give their Alfa Romeo some vigorous exercise. This is not an event for leisurely sight-seeing. If this sounds like your kind of fun, give it a try, you will not be disappointed.

Words & Photos by Ken Case!



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Do you know the movie, "The Graduate", in which Dustin Hoffman drove an Alfa spider and introduced Alfa Romeo to the American masses? In it, apparently needing some career direction, he is advised, "Plastics, plastics". Well, the combination of an Alfa Spider and plastics did not work out for us recently and may warrant a warning for other spider owners. Perhaps a warning for drivers of other models, too.

Judy and I were out for a nice top-down drive through Redmond, when going through a parking lot, we heard a funny crunching noise. I did not think much about it. We parked, had lunch, and when we were walking back to the car, I noticed it did not have a left parking light/turn signal lens. Of course we retraced our steps and when we went through that parking lot again, there were many small orange and clear plastic pieces scattered about. That shouldn't happen on a "normal" car, right? I knew that the lenses were attached with plastic screws, and I even had a couple of extras, in case one of them ever broke. I never thought of the possibility of both being broken at the same time.

I really did not want to drive the car in its cosmetic embarrassment, so I went online to Centerline and saw that lenses were readily available. I wasn't too happy about the price, so remembered Alfa Parts Exchange (APE). When I called, I found that they had a lens for about one-third of the price and I was also offered some metal allen head screws to replace all four of the plastic ones. That was a good thing too,

as when I looked at the other side, both screws had less than one-half of their head remaining. So, that leads to the warning. Check your plastic screws! It also is a reminder that APE is still there and a good source of parts.

I usually include some news, or at least rumors, of the arrival of the new Giulia. There is none of that this time, but just a few days ago, I did see a beautiful Giulia sedan that I would love to have. It was a very nice blue 1967 Super. The seats and carpet were especially impressive and were done by a shop in Mount Vernon which will be my go-to shop if I ever have some serious upholstery work done. This Giulia

had a recent professional restoration, but with a 1750 and is absolutely beautiful. It's for sale, too. So are its two garage mates, which are so nice I have to mention them. They are in an impressive four bay garage that I do not think has ever seen a car other than an Alfa. One is a 1969 1750 boat-tail, which I first saw many years ago when it was undergoing a two year restoration. It is a great red. The other is a 1959 Spider Veloce, also red. It has been also professionally restored and is immaculate, like the other cars. I usually do not mention cars for sale but these are so fantastic that I had to put them out there for anyone who might have an interest. It would be great to have them stay in the community.

Judy and I attended the Italian Car Show at the Triple X Drive In and there were some great cars there. I think I will change my participation at this event from now on, too. I have previously just parked on the street and gone in and hung with the other Alfa people. This year I realized it would have been much more fun if my car was there too, so when Harry Reed left early and left an empty space, I asked the organizers if I could just "park" there. It really increased my enjoyment of the show. That's the other piece of my advice for this month. Be a participant!

See you at the May 10 meeting / movie and the Garden Tour on June 5.

Bill Gehring
NWARC President



Club Meeting Wild About Cars Garage Tuesday, May 10

Its movie night for the May 10 club meeting. Back at Wild About Cars Garage we'll hold a short meeting to start the evening, then use their big screen to watch the wonderful movie about Enzo Ferrari by Carlo Carlei. It nicely covers his life and features Alfa Romeo with cars from the Museo Storico Alfa Romeo. The movie will run just past 9PM so we aim to get it started on time at 7PM.

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

When: Tuesday April 12 6:30 – 9:00 PM

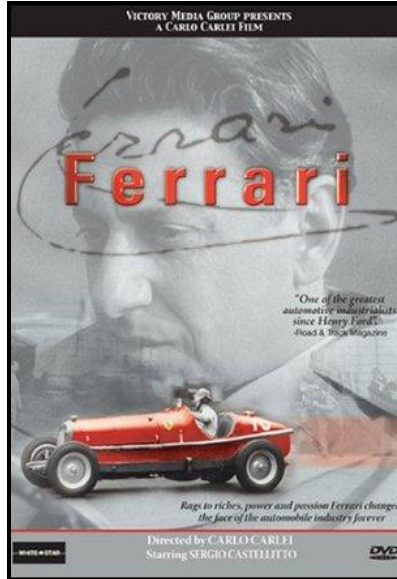
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Either one... let them know you want your food delivered around 6:45 PM to: Wild About Cars, 11200 Kirkland Way, Ste. 200, Kirkland, WA 98033.



Surprise! Mirko Turns 50

Sometimes it takes a family, even the Alfa family. Mirko happens to be married to a wonderful woman, Julie, and with the help of his fun daughters and a few friends, she threw him a surprise party for his 50th Birthday. Gordy Hyde, Fred Russell, Chris Benny, and Rob MF George helped distract him for the day on Saturday with the Tulip Rallye then a swing past PROVA Motorsports to steal a flag. When Mirko arrived he found a large gathering of friends and only then had he realized he'd guided his ride to his own birthday party at PROVA.

The only way to improve all that, Julie had him and the family signed up to attend the Alfa Romeo National Convention in Nashville. Check out the Alfa luggage birthday cake!

Happy Birthday Mirko!



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

Do you have a Duetto? 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 Italiano on August 20, 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. Also... want to help plan this event? Contact Doug Zaitz at webmaster@alfaclub.org soon.

Alfa Romeo revealed that the 505 HP Giulia Quadrifoglio Verde sedans will be used by the **Italian Carabinieri**, the hardcore federal police force. They will be decked out with all the usual gear while enjoying the Giulia QV's 0 to 62 mph time of 3.9 seconds and a 191 top speed, the sedan will be more than a match for just about everything on the road. They say these will also be used to transport urgent medical organs and other rush errands.



On May 8, Road & Track magazine posted a nice article about the fact that the **best sounding V6 ever** is the GTV6 engine. The "most unreluctant dragon" was a gem of a car... The V-6 engine "still makes those great Italian ripping-raw-fabric sounds, has lots of torque and sends the car down the road smartly." www.roadandtrack.com

AROC National Convention 2018 NW Style!

As members have spoken over the past couple of years about the possibility of hosting a AROC in the Puget Sound area again, there have been a few underlying considerations. One is that it should be "different" than Alfa Potlatch 2005. Another is that it would be nice to find a location that might be less impacted by traffic. A third is that uncertainty surrounding Pacific Raceways' future makes speed event planning somewhat tenuous.

Because of the third reason, I spoke with Fred Wright, General Manager at The Ridge Motorsports Park last Fall and he indicated a willingness to work with NWARC for use of that facility. The Ridge would be available for a Thursday track event at a reasonable cost with safety workers and medical personnel included. Also there is space available for an autocross to be run at the same location. With the recent construction of the OGP, karting is also an option. In two years the facilities for spectators and participants will be much improved, e.g. construction on bathroom facilities began this Spring.

Prior to the April meeting Debi Schmid had contacted Visitor's Bureaus in the South Puget Sound and had prepared informative charts based upon her research. She compared potential hotel costs and location suitability for ancillary events such as the Welcome Party, the Concorso, the Banquet, and the Awards Brunch. She narrowed her recommendations to one hotel in Tacoma and one hotel in Olympia.

Hotel Murano is located in downtown Tacoma, and can provide registration, vending rooms, meeting rooms, as well as rooms for the Welcome Reception, Banquet, and Awards Brunch. Alternate venues some activities exist at places such as America's Car Museum, Foss Maritime Museum and the Museum of Glass. The grounds of University of Puget Sound might be a considered location for the Concorso. Of course, there are numerous restaurant choices in the area and along Commencement Bay.

The Red Lion in East Olympia is located just off US-101 west of I-5 and can also meet all of the room needs for the Convention, on-site. They are presently updating the entire campus so it will be very fresh by 2018. There are three potential nearby Concorso locations - Pioneer Park, St. Martins College, or Indian Wells Golf Course. There are fewer nearby restaurant choices.

Almost everybody in attendance offered to assist in some manner. There was general support from the attending members to proceed with a proposal for the 2018 National Convention. Whatever proposal is developed will be reviewed and approved by the NWARC Board before any of us head to Nashville.

If you would like to assist and have skills to contribute or helpful ideas for activities, theme, and any of the things that go along with Convention planning, please let any of your Board know, or contact me directly at gohyde@hotmail.com or 425-241-9307. by Gordy Hyde



NWARC Annual Garden Tour

RSVP now if joining for the June 4 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



2016 Half Fast Lap of Washington

This year we head for the North East corner of Washington State. There were a lot of fires last year, but plenty of great spots, nice people, and wonderful roads remain so we're going there.

The first day, September 17, we'll head across Stevens Pass and make it most of the way to the Kettle Falls area. The second day, we'll head up to Metaline Falls, Boundary Dam, and then head back west through Sherman Pass. The last day has us heading west on Hwy 20 through the North Cascades and back to Seattle.

In all, it should be about 900 miles so plan accordingly. Many wonderful roads and a chance to stretch the cars legs as we go. I'll have the hotel details in next month's newsletter.

Save the dates of September 17-19! Spokane and our eastern Washington members can easily join along and meet us en-route.



FEN All Italian Car Show



Alex's 4C Spyder demo



Alfas, Alfas, and more nice Alfas.

Perhaps setting an example for the whole year, Fiat Enthusiasts Northwest (FEN) put on their wonderful Italian car show at the Triple X Drive In in Issaquah to start the car show season. The weather was wonderful. Crowds were very good. The mix of cars is outstanding with Alfa Romeos, Fiats, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Detomaso, Lancia, Maserati, and few other odd Italian entries.

One of the best parts is that with each car show having a different personality, it draws out different people and cars. This means you'll find people attending this event you don't see at other events. Tom Callahan or Phil Lampman come to mind as wonderful Alfisti that we don't always see but we find at this event. Additionally, there are many others like Gary Patitz, Gordy Hyde, Bill Gehring, Paul Affolter, Merrill Gordon, John Barchasch, Cindy Rio, Harry Reed, Todd Fiebig, and others. Greg Whitten even brought out his extremely rare Alfa Romeo P3 Mille Miglia winner for us to enjoy. Alex Sargeant brought out a beautiful white Alfa Romeo 4C Spyder for us to try on for size.

The sun held out throughout the event and everyone appeared to love every minute of it. Thanks to the FEN crew for putting this together and to all the people who brought out the great cars. *Photos by Fred Russell or Al Glenewinkel*



10th annual All Italian Car Show



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35th Annual Tulip Rallye



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Always held on the last day of the Tulip Festival, this year with the mild winter and good spring, the fields were mostly post harvest dirt as the tulips were all gone. The great weather was too. Clouds and rain covered the slightly smaller crowds and fewer cars for the 35th annual running of the MG Car Club's Tulip Rallye. It was still a fun place to be.

With 6 cars representing the NWARC this year, the route wandered toward La-Conner, then north across the flats for a stop at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center for 30 minutes and a few gimmick questions. (Q34: Padilla Bay contains how many different types of habitats? Or Q33: Eelgrass is a type of algae. True or False?)

They didn't ask any questions along Chuckanut Drive, and with the tulip crowds gone and the cloudy weather keeping people home, the driving could be a bit more spirited.

Finally we headed close to Sedro Wooley before dropping back to where we started at the Skagit Valley Mall for the score tallying and lunch. They announced the winner, and this year, perhaps in honor of his birthday, first place was awarded to the team of Mirko Freguia, Cindy Akana, and Fred Russell. And once again, every single scoresheet for NWARC was higher than the winning scores of most other clubs. Damn, the NWARC people are tough competitors.



Red Square Car Show

Red Square on University of Washington campus



Daron shows Sharon the Unique car.

Combining car passion with charities is almost always a winner. The Red Square Car Show on University of Washington campus has been doing this for many years supporting Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). Started in 1967, PAWS has provided care to nearly half a million animals, as well as being an advocate and educator for animal welfare throughout the NW. We love our cars... we love our pets. PAWS is a wonderful benefactor of this event and this show raised \$9800.

This year, the weather was perfect for the 130 cars with a few being turned away. Alfas are few on the bricks with most cars being hot Japanese rides, exotic Italians, and hot rod American builds. This doesn't mean they are not there. Shannon Low brought his Lancia Beta Montecarlo while I brought a Ford GT and met up with my UW Husky daughter on her own campus. Making sure our marque was properly displayed was Daron & Cyndi Walker with their 1967 "Green Machine" GTV. In fact, they were awarded Most Unique Car for their GTV. Maybe part of the unusual aspect was it was a family car as they brought their charming daughter Julia and their large pup too. A true family outing.

Other club people that are part of this event are the organizer being Blake Siebe, former member and owner of NW Auto Salon and Sharon Crossetto who, along with her daughter, have the ice cream truck. Yes, Sharon's little Moonie Icy Tunes ice cream Jeep has a 302 V8 in it so don't race her.

Sharing cars, Seattle sunshine, good people, wonderful food trucks, and helping PAWS. It was a great way to spend a sunny Sunday.



Moonie Icy Tunes... plenty of flavor and 302 power



The first Ford GT



Shannon's Lancia looking stunning



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Last chances to join the festivities that are the Alfa Romeo Owners Club National Convention. The primary festivities go from Wednesday, June 15 through Sunday, June 20 in Nashville, Tennessee.

There will be a number of NW members in attendance so you'll find familiar faces along with plenty of new ones. The Frist Center will have amazing cars on display including the B.A.T. cars. The Lane Motor Museum will welcome us, and Nashville has lots of entertainment anyway. Track events, Concours, gatherings, tech sessions, art show, and much more.

I'll plan to see you there, but if you cannot attend, we'll bring back photos and info for the July newsletter, but we know that is not nearly as fun as being part of it.



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 and Weber carbs with or without key parts, an oil pan from something soon after 101, some starter motors, a generator, a 101 series fly wheel, 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. Dead Battery but when jump started it starts and runs. Looking for \$5000. Comes with car cover.

Contact: tobin_jennifer_ann@hotmail.com

Books For Sale: A local car guy's book collection is for sale... there are a number of wonderful books on Lotus, Alfa Romeo, Rallying, Stock Cars, Race Prep, and much more. (I liked so many I already grabbed a few books.) To get a complete list, and you'll want one, contact Herb Sanborn. **herbsanborn@frontier.com** He'll send you the list and specifics.

Car For Sale: 1978 Alfa Romeo Spider This is a two owner car with looks good on the inside and out and has spent most of its life garaged. The challenge is that its lost compression in one cylinder, though it still runs. If you have the skills to address, this should be a fun car. On Camano Island. **Contact Annie at 425 293 7940**

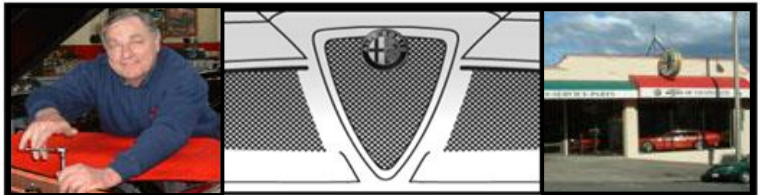


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2016 Calendar of Club & Local Car Events

- **May 10** **NWARC Meeting / Movie Night Wild About Cars Garage See page 3.**
- May 21 FEN Spring Primavera Tour (fiatnorthwest.org)
- **June 4** **NWARC Garden Tour Tacoma See page 5.**
- 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 See page 10.**
- 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 Saint Edward 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 on page 5.**
- Sept 23-25 Oregon Festival of Cars Bend, OR
- Sept 24,25 Festa Italiana Seattle Center
- Oct 1,2 Maryhill Hillclimb Goldendale, WA
- **Nov 12** **NWARC Driver Skills Clinic TBD**
- **Dec 11** **NWARC Holiday Party**



Giulietta Sprint Veloce on the Mt. Baker Scenic Hwy. By Dave Emerson