

Iniezione

The newsletter of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club

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I've loved the tasks, but I'm retiring from the Newsletter Editor role after the July Iniezione.

One of the key parts to a club is how we communicate the good events, efforts, and friendships shared by all who participate or spectate. Many people refer to it as the glue that binds the club together. True or not, the editor has been a fun and key role that needs to be continued.

I am happy to help split up the tasks and roles. I am also happy to provide coaching, training, guidance, software tools, templates, and techniques both now and going forward. If you have the skills, volunteer! If you don't think you do, I'll share the info and you will have a new talent... or you'll figure out how easy it is and how I've been faking the stress.

Questions? Call me! Fred 425 308 6621

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Has anyone heard of the "Alfa Rescue Society"?

Its name came up, not in a positive way, from a former NWARC member, Tom, who was in the process of rescuing a 1973 GTV. That's a good story in itself. The first time he called, he had been to the memorial service of another car enthusiast and just happened to stop at a garage sale on his way home. There, was a Piper Yellow 1973 GTV, original and complete, with a great interior and 66,000 miles. It needed some bodywork, but the seller was just the second owner and he had the original window sticker and complete service records. It was fun for Tom to see the window sticker and some early invoices from Grand Prix Motors, when they were still in Leschi. Later invoices, up to the 60,000 mile service in 1977, were from Alfa of Tacoma. The car had been parked since 1979. Sounds like a car worth saving, right?

During Tom's consideration of whether to buy it, and who to contact, he called me. I gave him some names, and at our club meeting a couple of days later, mentioned the car and its background. Soon after that, he got a call from someone who said they were "The Alfa Rescue Society". Was there a possible connection here? We don't know, as I did not give anyone his phone number and only a couple of people even knew Tom's name. I hope there was not a connection as the conversation was not very positive and they offered Tom \$500 for the car. Further conversation led to an offer of \$1,000 and the disclosure that they were going to "cut it up for parts". That obviously was not the proper fate for an Alfa of this condi-

tion, with the history it had. So Tom went through a few selling options, and ended up putting it on a Bring-a-Trailer auction. One reason I hadn't done that when I was selling the Giulietta was the discussion that ensues and the possibility of negative comments. He certainly got some, including some early ones from "The Alfa Rescue Society" that were pretty snarky. Their statements included that it was probably not worth saving, would empty a bank account and other negative assertions. At one point, another commenter asked them, "Do you want to rescue Alfas or not?"

I was correct about BAT auctions and negative comments. I can't believe how vituperative some people are. They hadn't even seen the car but had so

many nasty things to say. They had a lot of things to say to and about each other, too. Fortunately, there were a lot of people who were more positive, including a possible buyer from Michigan who happened to be in town and actually went to see the car. The listing included about 70 pictures so I don't think there were any secrets and after 135 comments and 18 bids, the car sold for \$7,000. The under bidder was the Michigan visitor and the winner is from the San Francisco Bay area. He plans to restore it, with some nice modifications, to make it a California Mille car. It all turned out well, but I still wonder who "The Alfa Rescue Society" is and what their aspirations are. Comments are still being posted, as I write this, four days after the end of the auction. If you want to follow the thread, you can at <http://bringatrailer.com/listing/1973-alfa-2000-gtv/>

There are some good events coming up. We always look forward to Debi Schmid's Garden Tours and this year's, on June 4, promises to be a good one. It sounds like the guest at our meeting June 14, Mark Greene, will be very interesting and entertaining, and you can't miss the barbecue at the Patitz home on July 1, the first day of the Historic Races. It is worth it just to see the garage full of Alfas. On the subject of the Historics, we got the Car Corral information late, so the timeline is very short. (See page 6) I am handling the registration this year so be sure to let me know by June 7 if you want to participate.

Bill Gehring
NWARC President



Mark Greene, podcast host from Cars Yeah
June 14, 2016 at 6:30 PM



Join us for a special club meeting with guest speaker, Mark Greene, owner & host of CARS YEAH! Hear stories and see posts from his podcasts.

Meet in Kirkland at Wild About Cars Garage

When:
Tuesday, June 14
6:30 - 9:00 PM

Where:
Wild About Cars Garage
11200 Kirkland Way #200
Kirkland, WA 98033

Who:
With our Guest Speaker, Mark Greene, you and all your friends should plan to attend.



Remember to either bring a dinner, or pre-order one from a local restaurant. Both Zeek's (Pizza) and Jimmy John's (sub sandwiches) have a good reputation and easily deliver to the Wild About Cars Garage 11200 Kirkland Way Suite 200 Kirkland, WA 98033. Beverages and eating supplies will be provided. For more info contact cakana@me.com .

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Alfa Romeo News... Putting the NEWS in Newsletter



Our 2017 AROC National Convention is in Montreal celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the stunning Gandini designed, V8 powered, Alfa Romeo Montreal that was rolled out to the world at the Expo '67 and named after the host city. The car had unique style and features that won over almost everyone who saw it. We did have to wait a few years for production cars but from 1970 through 1977, these were sold to the world. This fun image is only a **design study from Auto Italia** magazine for the sake of seeing a modernized concept based on an Alfa 8c... we have a couple base cars for this in our club. Volunteers?



Known for hosting one of the most beautiful Concours d'Elegance in the world, the Villa d'Este in Tivoli Italy is stunning. Built in 1550 on the banks of the Aniene River, all cars seem more beautiful with the backdrop of Baroque design, 100 fountains, gardens, and the sparkling waters. Its such an exquisite site that UNESCO long ago gave it **World Heritage Site status**. Now, as part of this year's Concours d'Elegance, for the first time, UNESCO has awarded World Cultural Heritage status to a car. The Alfa Romeo SZ Coda Tronca Prototipo Zagato designed by Ercole Spada. Cleaned and preserved by a unique team of Italian restorers using techniques usually applied to ancient paintings and sculptures, it was treated like a Renaissance painting. The car was displayed half "untouched" and half cleaned, so people could best understand how these techniques can preserve the beauty and pureness of the object.

The only constant is change...
The car guy

running Alfa Romeo and Maserati has been Harald Wester for the last 5 years... the longest he's ever held a position. Now, the former head of RAM Trucks and US Marketing for Alfa Romeo, 41 year old **Reid Bigland** takes over those two brands. Reid was born just north of most of us, in Kamloops, British Columbia. He has a lot of truck experience, and little Alfa seat time. I wanted to judge him by the fact that his first car was a '76 Impala, but I guess I owned an Austin Mini as my first car so I can't be trusted. Tragically, he's best know for referring to Chrysler car sales as "moving faster than chickenpox through kindergarten". I guess we'll see how it goes. I would have voted for Ralph Gilles, current FCA Head of Design... a known Alfa owner and good car nut.



On May 14, COYS Auctions put up a stunning, and extremely accurate **Alfa Romeo 33 Stradale** for sale. Of the 19 made, only 18 ever ended up in home garages so these are rare at auction. What made this one different was it was called a "**continuation**" car, like the Aston Martin DB4 Zagato cars, or Jaguar E-Type lightweight cars. The key difference is those Continuation cars were commissioned or built by the original factory. This was a private person who bought leftover parts from Autodelta; the builder of the original 33 Stradales. The builder fabricated the body and interior, and found many pieces of the drivetrain. It was sold without a complete engine but did have a proper crank, heads, and transmission. (A V8 from a Montreal would be a close working engine.) In my eyes, it would be a beautiful full scale model of a collectable car that would grace anyone's garage nicely, awaiting the sad day when its value would be increased by pulling the parts out for a restoration project on another, real 33 Stradale. No word if it sold or for how much.



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 enjoy breakfast before we head through Snoqualmie Pass, Blewett Pass, and stop at Liberty Orchards to sample treats. Lunching, then back on the roads, across the Keller Ferry and wander up to our hotel at the town of Republic. There are a few places to eat that are good in this bustling small town.



Day 2, Breakfast in town, then we head through 5575' high Sherman Pass, the Colville Reservation then onto another ferry before wandering the rolling farm lands near Addy. Over the Selkirk Mountains to Usk, then follow up the Pend Oreille River past Sullivan Lake, to the town of Metaline Falls for lunch. Just north of there we'll view the scenic Boundary Dam, then drop back down past another scenic dam at Box Canyon.

This night we head past Colville, Kettle Falls, over Boulder Creek Road and a visit to a car museum. Yes, I found a car museum but they don't have any Alfas on display. Perhaps we can change their mind with our visit. Next, its back to our hotel in the town of Republic where we'll have access to a special dinner hosted by the best restaurant in town. The roads will be very good.

Our last day, September 19, we start with a good breakfast, then we wander to Tonasket, Omak, and then Loup Loup Pass, Twisp, and stop for lunch in Winthrop. Along the way, we'll get an education on Forest Fires! After lunch, we wander through the beautiful North Cascades Scenic Highway, Rockport, Darrington, Arlington, and back into the Seattle area. The roads this day will be very good.



In all, it should be about 900 miles so plan accordingly. Many wonderful roads and a good chance to stretch the cars legs.

To reserve your 2 nights (**Sept 17 and 18**) hotel rooms at the Northern Inn / Republic, WA. call Cathy at 888 801 1068 and ask for the NW Alfa Romeo Club rooms. **There is another event in town and if you delay in registering, you may loose out on a room. Please don't delay.** Eastern Washington members can easily join along and meet us en-route.

If you have questions, call Fred Russell at 425 308 6621.



Citta della Musica

AROC Nat'l Convention

June 15-20

www.alfa2016.com

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.



PNW Historics Car Corral Tickets



The PNW Historics car races are once again at Pacific Raceways on July 1, 2, and 3. **(RSVP by June 7)** The Car Corral is an excellent opportunity to display our cars and enjoy the lunch time parade laps

(Sat & Sun). There will also be a fun informal Car Corral judging, generally by children of event volunteers.

Tickets for the Car Corral (admits car and driver) are \$30 for one day or \$50 for the weekend. Ticket prices for passengers are the same as last year with one-day tickets at \$25 and weekend tickets at \$40. Tickets for children 7 to 16 are \$5 per day. General admission tickets for passengers can also be purchased at the gate. Its always a fun way to spend the weekend while helping Seattle Children's.

Order your tickets by contacting Bill Gehring **before June 10th** at 425 822 4231 or via e-mail bjgehring2@msn.com with your ticket request. Mail payment to Bill at 129 19th Ave Kirkland, WA 98033.



The 7th Annual NWARC Pre-Historics Barbeque

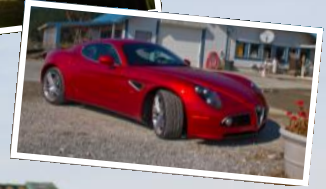
Once again, our club is invited to the home of club members, Gary & Marie Patitz, for a wonderful BBQ. The food, friends, and cars are outstanding. Simply ask anyone who's gone before and they'll tell you this is not to be missed. Plan to attend this for great sights, conversation and leave with a full stomach! All Alfisti are welcome!

When: July 1st After 3 PM.

Where: Patitz Home 13412 SE 301st Street, Auburn 98092

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Mille Miglia 2016 (May 19-22)

Just like it happened back in 1930, the Alfa Romeo 6C1750 Gran Sport won the Mille Miglia in Italy in 2016. Back in the day, it was driven by Tazio Nuvolari and Battista Guidotti. In fact, in 1930, Nuvolari found himself trailing his teammate, Achille Varzi as they headed north towards the finish line in Brescia. Nuvolari switched off his headlights, even though he was driving over 90 MPH in the dark. Varzi couldn't see any headlights in his mirror, but when it was too late, Nuvolari turned the lights back on, made the pass and won the race. (He would have won either way as his overall elapsed time was less.)

This year, the winning car was driven, a lot slower and with less daring stunts, by two people from Brescia; Andrea Vesco and Andrea Guerini. They were 1 of 46 total Alfas competing in this year's event... the most plentiful marque in the event.

This year, like most, provided sunshine, darkness, crowds, cool roads, good scenery, and rain to give the participants a perfect mix of all that is Italy in May, and what the Mille really is all about.





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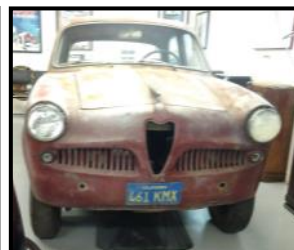
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Classified Ads Cars For Sale!

Car For Sale: 1955 Giulietta (first series) Berlina Owned and stored in a heated garage for twenty years. Chassis: AR 1488.01008 Engine AR 1315.51057 (10th November 1955) USA car, original body colour "azzurro Garda" (AR 303). Complete car including NOS tail lights (1st series which is important as there were three in the first couple of years); rear deck license plate light; correct column shift steering column/transmission; spare windshield; correct single downdraft Weber to be used in place of Solex carburetor (have original); hubcaps; good set of original interior door cards; correct Lucas head light rings; rubber mats; front/back windshield rubber in six tote boxes of parts. The only thing missing are the correct 6" head light buckets/headlights (correct Lucas head light rings are also included). Excellent base for full restoration. \$10K.

Contact gary.w.patitz@boeing.com



Car For Sale: 1964 Guilia 1300 Sprint Rare European only model, red exterior with black upholstery. manufactured in 1964 into early 1965 total made approximately 1710 cars. Driver condition but largely original with exception of paint re-spray over thirty years ago and front seats reupholstered. Otherwise bone stock. Recent brake job and rebuilt instruments. Some rust in the passenger rocker and rear tire well otherwise sound. Chassis number AR 384819 (13th April 1964). Because the model was never sold in this country and went directly to Washing DC verses Hoffman, we suspect this was a diplomat's car. \$40K.

Contact gary.w.patitz@boeing.com



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**



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** \$1500 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**

Parts For Free: Three Alfa rear axle assemblies. FREE but must be picked up in Ellensburg. Top one is from a 1979 Alfa Spider. Works well except for leaking oil seals. There is no brake hardware with this one. Middle one is from a 1968 Alfa GT Jr. Complete but unknown condition. Bottom appears to be the same but missing brake calipers, shields and possibly other parts. If you take all three, you can have the cart shown in the picture.

Contact Ken 509-925-3888 or calhouns@elltel.net →



Car For Sale: **1981 GTV6 Huskycar** - painted gold & purple. Body in excellent shape, with a couple small cut spots, rear logo a little faded. Drives very well, has estimated 90,000 miles. Racing suspension parts, 2.6 L engine with 3.0 L injectors, race cam headers, tuned exhaust, new battery, and brakes are in good condition with discs and calipers replaced about 9 years / 500 miles ago. Highbeams do not work. Interior is in average condition, cracked dash, Recaro seats. Driver seat is fixed for tall. I would consider a reasonable offer.

Terry Krugel terrkru@gmail.com



Equipment For Sale: Heavy Duty Parts Washer Large capacity parts washer with twenty gallon solvent storage in good condition. Great for larger parts cleaning. \$100.

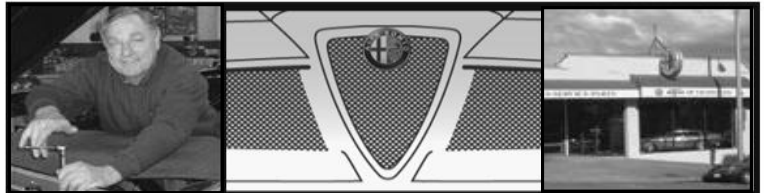
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2016 Calendar of Club & Local Car Events

- **June 4 NWARC Garden Tour Tacoma (Recap next month.)**
- **June 14 NWARC Meeting Wild About Cars Garage / Mark Greene See page 3**
- **June 13-20 AROC Nat'l Convention Nashville TN See page 5**
- June 19 French & Italian Car Show Vancouver BC
- **July 1 NWARC PreHistorics BBQ (Monthly Meeting) Patitz home See page 6**
- **July 1-3 SOVREN PNW Historics Vintage Races Pacific Raceways See page 6**
- 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 St. Park Kenmore See page 7**
- Aug 20 Concorso Italiano Blackhorse Golf Ranch Monterey CA
- Aug 27 LeMay Family Car Show Tacoma, WA
- **Sept 17-19 NWARC Half-Fast Lap of Washington Northeast WA See 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 Renton, WA**



Alfa Romeo 33 Stradale "Continuation". See the NEWS section on Page 4.