

Iniezione

The newsletter of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club

4th Annual NWARC Garden Tour



A Dublin Bay rose

Fragrant roses, a shady Native Garden at Point Defiance Park and a spectacular English style garden at Powellswood Garden were enjoyed by 30 Alfisti, all part of the annual, or perhaps perennial Garden Tour

The day started with a tour of the Point Defiance NW Native Plant Garden lead by four knowledgeable docents from the Tacoma Garden Club. They explained the habitat and the development of this unique display garden. Now we can identify native plants growing in the wild.

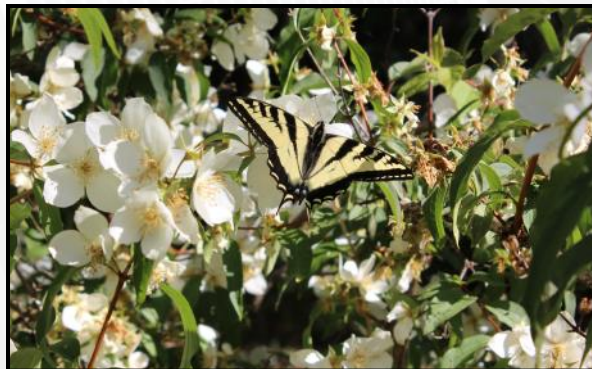
The group then walked through the Rose Garden with a hundred bushes in full bloom creating a visual treat and an overload for the olfactory nerve. The Fuchsia, Perennial and Japanese gardens completed the tour.

The group exited Point Defiance Park via the 5 Mile Drive enjoying a glimpse of old growth forest and peek-a-boo views of the sound. A stop at Jungle Fever Garden Center let everyone enjoy the owners "exotic" plants and garden design.

After lunch we toured around the rapidly changing Tacoma waterfront



Lots of Alfis in Pt Defiance Park.



Kristy & Judy walk the rose garden



The group wanders through Powellswood

to the Powellswood Garden in Federal Way. This is a private garden designed in the English perennial bed style where the color combinations and plants are immaculately tended. We were all envious of the beautifully manicured Cyprus hedge surrounding the garden.

A short drive took us north to Furney's Nursery to shop for some of the many plants we had enjoyed during the day. A beautiful sunny northwest day was the perfect backdrop to enjoy the 4th Annual Garden tour.

Words by Debi Schmid Photos by Fred R.

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This will be the last regular issue of the newsletter as nobody has volunteered to take over the Editor, Production, or Designer roles. Club events will be posted to our website; nwalfaclub.com and to facebook (NWARC group page) and perhaps sent out to our list of e-mail addresses. Please contact a club officer if you want to help with a newsletter, event, or leadership role.

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This may be the last edition of the NWARC Iniezione. To my knowledge, at least in the thirty-one years Judy and I have been members, it has always been published, and it has always been informative and vital to our club. Now we may not have an editor and it may perish. Our talented and creative present editor, Fred Russell, has done a yeoman job for years and now has other commitments and needs to step down. Now, someone has to step up. You don't have to be as capable as Fred, just able to get the job done. He has even broken the job down to three parts, and at least one of them seems like something anyone could do. We desperately need some one, two, or three people and maybe it could be you.

One of the benefits of being an Alfa owner is sharing in its fame and reading many references to it in the enthusiast magazines. One I read recently was in Car and Driver's "What I'd Do Differently" interview with Nick Mason, the Pink Floyd drummer and famous British car collector. When asked if it was hard to sell any of his cars, he mentioned selling his Alfa 8C to get funds to pay his income taxes. His next comment was, "I wish now I'd gone to jail and kept the car."

On the other hand, there was Bob Lutz, in his Road & Track column. A letter writer asked if Alfa stands a chance against BMW, Audi and Mercedes. Lutz said he "shared a fondness for the brand but today, everyone has everything, and luxury brands really sell on status and carefully nourished brand image. Alfa is late to the party and is very expensive. The Giulia is pretty nice, but that won't achieve breakthrough in

this market. Sadly, I think it's a case of too little, too late. Pack it in." That seems pretty harsh to me, but he also did not believe in global warming either so I am not too worried about his opinion.

Then there is Hemmings Sport & Exotic Car. They appear to be fans of Alfa Romeo, at least vintage ones, and have a nice article on the Berlina, calling it "The sports car for the family". They also pay homage to a couple of our local Alfa-related enthusiasts. First, in the Berlina article, Wes Ingram is mentioned, when the owner recounts a fuel problem and says, "With help from Wes Ingram, I found the issue and it was corrected. Wes is the guru, for sure, and not uptight about sharing his knowledge."

In the same issue, former club member and still Alfa supporter, Jim Simpson is mentioned in the article "Italian, meet Italianesque" featuring an enthusiast's two cars, the Giulia spider which belonged to his father and his Italia, which was designed and built by Jim on Whidbey Island (which the magazine describes as "off the coast of Seattle, Washington"). The owner says, "It was a little like having Scaglietti do a Ferrari for you," and speaks about the Italia being a traffic stopper. I've seen one of Jim's Italias, and they are beautiful cars.

Speaking of magazines, do you have some that you enjoy that go into the recycling bin when you are finished? I do, and was thinking we should have a magazine exchange at our meetings. Let's bring current magazines that we are finished with and throw them out on the table when we attend meetings, for anyone to pick up. What do you think?

Enjoy the top-down weather and I hope to see you on the Half Fast Lap September 17. (I'll be out of town but hope the September meeting goes well.)

If this is the last Iniezione, therefore the last President's column, I have to give a lot of thanks and appreciation to Judy, my proofreader and editor for every one of them. They would not have been nearly as correct and readable without her help. Thanks, Judy

Bill Gehring
NWARC President



September Club Meeting Tuesday, Sept 13

We haven't had a sit down meeting for a few months and we have a lot to talk about... events, conventions, newsletters, and more. Make sure you add this to your calendar. Pre-order your food or bring dinner!

Located back at Wild About Cars Garage

11200 Kirkland Way #200, Kirkland, WA 98033.

The meeting will be Sept 13, from 6:30 until 9:00 PM.

Cars Yeah... NWARC Guest Speaker Mark Greene

A lifelong car enthusiast who spent over 20 years as president of Griot's Garage, Mark Greene knows hundreds of interesting people and fascinating stories. He has channeled those experiences into the Cars Yeah website aimed at sharing stories about cars, life, challenges and accomplishments and connecting automotive entrepreneurs with auto enthusiasts.

Mark has interviewed over 550 automotive experts, celebrities, artists, racers, designers, and builders. Each interview is about 35 minutes long. You can choose a person, click on his or her picture, and read a short biography. Then click on the podcast and listen to the discussion on the website or by using a mobile podcast application on your smart phone, tablet, or laptop.

Personalities include Wayne Carini from Chasing Classic Cars, concours event directors such as Sandra Button at Pebble Beach, Bill Warner at Amelia Island and Tom McDowell at Concorso Italiano, racers including the late Denise McCluggage, Don Garlits and Skip Barber, and local experts like Butch Dennison and Chris Benny.

Cars Yeah offers a huge variety of resources including:

- Guest recommended books---click on a title for a link to an Amazon synopsis and price.
- Automotive artists---for example, check out the exquisite paintings of cars done by James Caldwell from photographs—a wonderful gift idea.
- Automotive museums around the world.
- Restoration specialists, car designers, and builders
- Racecar drivers and coaches.
- Event and concours directors.
- Products, dealers, and parts suppliers.
- Detailers and car care products.
- Photographers.

Take a look at Mark's website at www.carsyeah.com. Mark writes a weekly Cars Yeah Blog and if you subscribe he will send you his free Fill 'R Up e-book.

Thanks to Mark Greene for coming to our June meeting and sharing his background, enthusiasm, and the Cars Yeah website. I hope you will spend some time getting to know what this excellent resource has to offer you.



Informazioni Generali

Our group is known as the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club, (NWARC) 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 subscription to the monthly national publication, *Alfa Owner*. For information about joining the club, contact the membership director listed in the right hand column.

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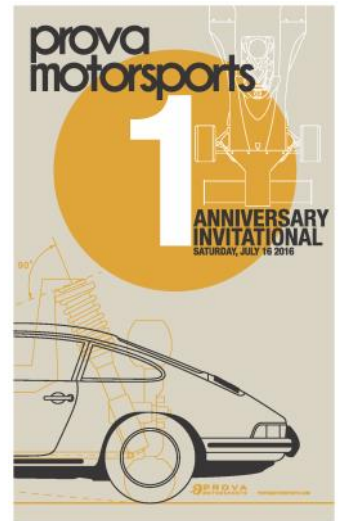
Alfa Romeo News... Putting the NEWS in Newsletter

Last newsletter... It Takes a Village. My schedule and commitments dictate that I roll away from the club newsletter. It really needs to continue but until someone takes up the cause, I will simply do a one page summary bi-monthly.

On July 16, one of our favorite sons, Chris Benny, celebrated his 1st anniversary of **Prova Motorsports**. Chris started his own business after earning a great reputation, employed by others, and keeping Alfas and many other cars safe, fast, and efficient. For street or track use, Chris has built a team that continues to fine tune our cars and helps us keep enjoying our car passion. Nicely done, Chris!

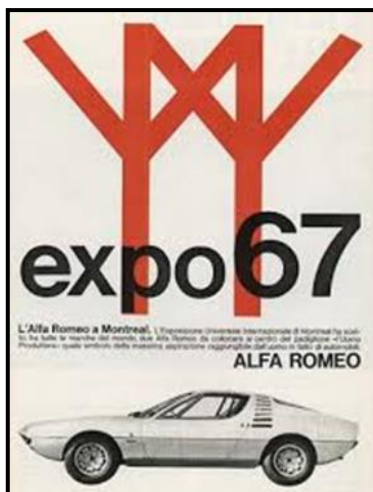


The **first six Alfa Romeo Giulia** cars were delivered in Italy on June 27. A Montecarlo Blue Giulia Super 2.2 Diesel 180 HP was delivered in the Motor Village di Arese (Milan), a Vesuvio Grey Giulia Super 2.2 Diesel 180 HP was delivered in the Tamburini dealership in Arezzo, while four Giulia Super 2.2 Diesel 150 HP cars sporting Vesuvio Grey, Vulcano Black and Alfa White paintwork were delivered in the Bossoni showroom in Porto Mantovano (Mantua), the Marchi Auto showroom in Perugia, the Millenia showroom in Bari and the SCAR showroom in Ragusa. When will we see them in US showrooms???



We each have much to be proud of in life. Choices, achievements, close calls, friends, and families. Most of us are old enough to be able to remember many noteworthy milestones we've reached. Its with that appreciation of years that we can recognize the wonderful steps and achievements in life that our member, **Miguel Salguero** has made as well. During his time at Port Townsend High School he was able have a social life that included hanging out at many NWARC events, and he also restored an Alfa Milano, graduated on the honor role, earned a scholarship, got a two year degree from Peninsula College while receiving the President's Medal for his grades, volunteered at the PT Aero Museum, and got his FAA Private Pilots license. Oh yeah, he also got accepted to Cal-Poly in San Luis Obispo, California. When you hear people talk about the lazy youth today, remind them they just don't know Miguel. Congrats Miguel, on your excellent efforts. We (NWARC) are honored to be part of your world, and now go hug your mom once more before heading off to California.

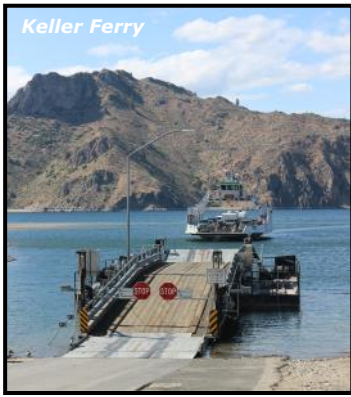
Though Ezra Dyer, columnist for Car & Driver did write a nice piece about why you should fall in love with an Alfa Romeo 4C, and the same Sep '16 issue talked okay about the 2017 Giulia on page 44, its Automobile magazine from August '16 I'm focusing on today. You see, **Robert Cumberland**, the former GM Designer featured the new 2017 Alfa Romeo Giulia in his latest design critique. He's been described as "highly opinionated... sometimes painfully." He starts out complimenting the design of the 164, 156, and 166 and then kicking the looks of the Milano/75 and the newer Giulietta. He points out that Alfa Romeo's recent lack of build quality gets in the way of positive thoughts and feelings, no matter what they produce. Right when you think he'll keep trashing our beloved car company, he starts to say nice things about the Giulia. Though his praise is slow to arrive and only tossed out in small handfuls, he likes the car's design details. It is well worth the read as his two pages of details helps you look at the car through a designer's eyes and after all... the old crotchety designer seems to have been won over by this Italian beauty.



Save the dates: **2017 AROC / ARCC International Alfa Romeo Convention** being held in Montreal, Canada. There will be Pre-Tour events prior to the convention, while the host hotel for the main event will be the Pointe Claire Holiday Inn just west of downtown Montreal and next to the airport. For planning reference, this is only a couple hours from Syracuse, New York. The celebration will be for all things Alfa Romeo, but special focus will be on celebrating 50 years from when the Montreal was first unveiled at Expo 67. The International Montreal Owners Club will try to gather as many examples as possible for this event. Additionally, there will be driving tours, concorso, autocross, tech sessions, gimmick rally, banquet, city tours, cook out, Alfa Montreal events, time trials, and even a Bienvenue Supper featuring typical French-Canadian foods. Currently it is cheaper to travel to Syracuse NY and drive up, but watch the airlines, options, and economy as things change. This should be a great reason to explore one of the most beautiful European cities ever... all without going all the way to Europe. Have an Alfa Romeo Montreal? This is a must visit time and place.



2016 Half Fast Lap of Washington



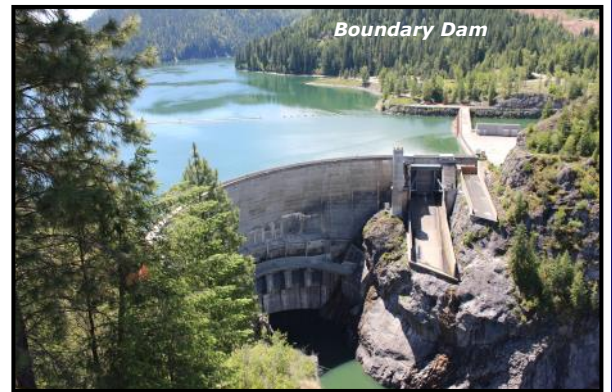
This year we head for the North East corner of Washington State. There were a lot of fires last year, but plenty of great spots, nice people, and wonderful roads remain so we're going there. In all, it should be about 900 miles so plan accordingly. Many wonderful roads and a good chance to stretch the cars legs.

The first day, September 17, we'll enjoy breakfast at Lil' Jon's in Overlake near I-90 & I-405 before we head out 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. Our hotel is hosting a Pétanque tournament this evening (French version of Bocce) so it filled up fast. 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 the Pend Oreille River northward past Sullivan Lake to view the scenic Boundary Dam before lunch in the town of Metaline Falls. Next, we'll drop back down past another scenic dam at Box Canyon before rolling through Colville, stopping at Kettle Falls, and a possible visit to a car museum. 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.

We have a great group signed up already... if you haven't signed up, please do it now. To reserve your 2 nights (**Sept 17 and 18**) hotel rooms in Republic, WA. try calling Cathy / Northern Inn at 888 801 1068 but last I checked, she is all booked. Other hotel options may be the Prospector Inn 509 775 3361 or the Klondike Motel 509 775 3555. Questions, call Fred Russell at 425 308 6621.



Getting There is Half the Fun

Getting home, is often the other half. This is true for each year's AROC National Convention and arguably, one of the great reasons to hold the convention it in a unique location yearly.

Dick & Jessica Camp went to the convention via Chicago. They flew there while having their Alfa Romeo Spider shipped to Chicago. From there, they drove Route 66 to St. Louis, Missouri before taking a side trip to Nashville, Tennessee to enjoy the convention. Once the convention was over, they returned to St. Louis to continue the drive out Route 66, unfortunately the weather had heated up as they headed west. Though the Spider was still happily heading west, the heat made it tough for the passengers. By modifying the plans a bit (rental car with A/C) they continued their wonderful driving experience on The Mother Road all the way to Santa Monica while the Alfa enjoyed a cool ride home.

Always a key part of our national conventions with their outstanding designs and clothing booth, **Debi & Tony Schmid** made it a relaxed drive over and back to Nashville. Stopping at interesting and historic places on the way like Promontory Point, Utah where the golden spike was driven to complete the cross country railroad, or Arches National Park, then to a tour of President Harry Truman's home in Independence Missouri. Another couple hundred miles up the road meant a great stop at the Missouri Botanical Gardens with its many unique displays before heading to Springfield Illinois, the home of Abe and Mary Lincoln for many years. On their return trip, Tony & Debi headed through Tony's grandfather's town of Oelwein, Iowa, then through the Black Hills of South Dakota before stopping at Devil's Tower, Wyoming. One of their last days on their return trip called out for an informative day spent at Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana. That is how you get to and from a convention.



Viva Italia Wrap Up



*Lots of Alfa s including a rare JrZ and an early 60's 2 Liter.
Photo by Merrill Gordon*

Competing with Seafair and all the other great options people have to do on an August weekend isn't easy, but that's exactly what Viva Italia does well. Yes, our annual Viva Italia Car & Motorcycle Gathering happened on August 6 located at our new location: Saint Edward State Park.

Located along the northeast shoreline of Lake Washington on the hilltop grass areas that surround the 85 year old Catholic Seminary building. The facility originated when Bishop O'Dea of the Seattle Catholic Archdiocese wanted to fill the need for a seminary and educational facility for priests. A total of 316 wooded and grass covered acres with the main buildings in the center. The buildings served as the living space, classrooms, dining hall, swimming pool, and gym until it was closed in 1977. The Archdiocese sold to it all to Washington State Parks who manages the facilities and grounds for numerous weddings, sports events, clubs, and even car shows.



Ferrari variety was perfect Photo by Elliot Dean

Viva Italia Cont'd...



Photo by Tony Vigil



Georges Hebrant and his amazing Sprint Veloce
Photo by Merril Gordon

With a new location, it's hard to guess how to place and display the cars, especially when you don't know the weather, or how many will attend. The forecast was right on with overcast skies and cool all day with a chance of sun late in the day. No rain for the day. Thankfully, this same location was recently used for the All British Field Meet with hundreds of cars. We simply used their leftover space markers and gathered in similar groups.

As the first few cars started arriving, it began with a few Alfa Romeos, and a new Fiat. I brought a couple Ferraris so by 11 AM we had a show already. Alex Sargeant from Rairdon's Fiat of Kirkland arrived with a new silver Fiat 124 Spider so I located a vintage silver 124 Spider next to him for comparison. As the morning went on, a number of great Alfa Romeos, Fiats, Lancias, and Ferraris rolled in. A rare Citroen SM (heck, they owned Maseratis when this car was built) came as did a nice vintage Lotus Elan, and an old BMW M5 brought the final car count to around 45 cars.

One group of about 5 cars arrived led by Shannon Low that included two Lancias and three Alfas Romeos. Just after them came the Lamborghini team with Paolo driving a Murcielago and Bonnie driving her Alfa 4C. One right after another we had a great mix of cars... including a rare John Deere Ferrari lawn tractor. (Well, it had a Ferrari decal on it.)

One aspect I used to do was gather food donations for a local food bank at the event and so it was nice that Gene remembered and brought three bags of groceries to the show. Thanks a ton! The food has been given to the social support people at Highline School District. The food will be sent home with kids who often don't have food at all over the weekend.

As cars started to head out late in the day, the wedding party that had been nearby in the park, came over and got a few photos by the rare cars. Another visit was from a very elderly park walker who stopped at the Ferrari to regale me with stories of the many Ferraris he's had, and the one he still has. He pointed out that he does his own service on the cars.

The new location worked out great, as did the support from the Alfisti. Clearly we'll do this again next year. I will work on getting the word out more and making sure even more people get to enjoy Viva Italia.

Words by Fred Russell



Old and new Fiats, Abarths, and Lancias Photo by John Schommer

AROC National Convention - PreTour Wanderings

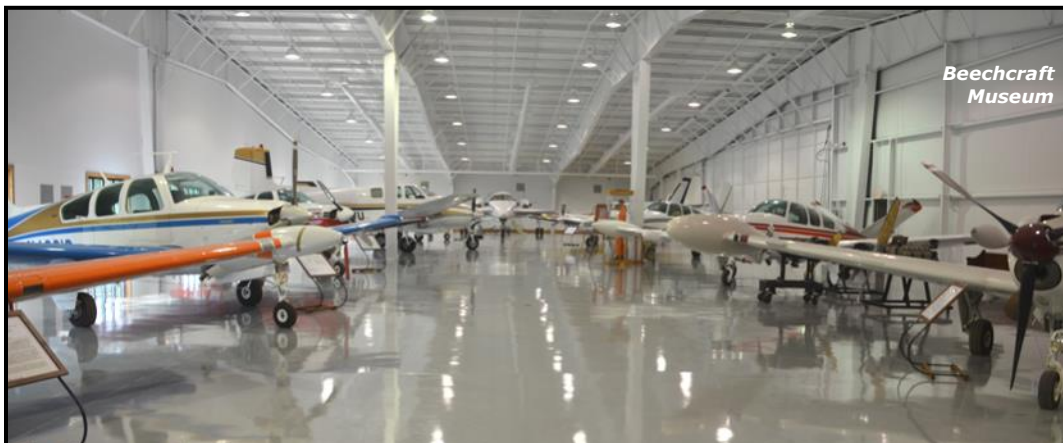
The Pre Convention Tour (PCT) before the AROC Nashville Convention departed from Cleveland, Tennessee, some 2-1/2 hours southeast of the Nashville Airport where we (Cindy Banzer, Doug Zaitz, and I) were to pick up our rental vehicle. Despite anticipated traffic from the Bonnaroo Music Festival, which was directly on our route, we arrived in time for the Driver's Meeting. This year's participants included about 25 cars (mostly Alfas) and 44 people, most of whom had participated in previous PCTs.

The first morning of the Tour we drove the twisty road along the Ocoee River into the Tennessee side of the Great Smoky (Appalachian) Mountains. The Ocoee was used for kayaking competition for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Interesting in that the flow of the river is controlled by releasing more or less water from upstream dams. Timing was such that we arrived at a viewing area moments before a substantial torrent of water (as well as kayakers and rafters) arrived. Then it was on to Ducktown, site of a former copper mine, the cleanup of which was one of the largest of EPA's Superfund endeavors. After lunch, we travelled primarily secondary (fun!) roads beside which were numerous advertisements for what I thought was a Pacific Northwest phenomenon, "Sasquatch". We ended our drive for the day in Chattanooga.

Monday morning we were off to the Coker Tire Museum where we viewed the large and diverse collection of automobiles, trucks, race cars, motorcycles, and bicycles. We took the rest of the morning to travel the extremely twisty and tight road up Signal Mountain, having to wait for a couple of vehicles that encountered difficulties. Then it was off to lunch at, again a restaurant that had opened just for the PCT. The afternoon was filled with two activities I would have least expected in rural Southeastern Tennessee. (Mind you we were travelling through the Legislative District where one of the candidates was recently forced to remove a sign proclaiming, "Make America White Again!"). The first stop was at a small (~400 students) middle school in Whitwell. Eighteen years ago the eighth grade class started a project to memorialize children lost in the Holocaust. To do the story justice, please go to the website...www.oneclipatatime.org. It is absolutely astounding!! On to another small town (Tracy City) where we were treated to High Tea! And then it was off to the over-night destination of Tullahoma.



Our Tuesday began with a guided tour of the Beechcraft (Airplane) Museum outside of Tullahoma and then continued on to Lynchburg for a HUGE (all you can eat) boardinghouse dinner and then a tour of Jack Daniel's distillery. After the distillery tour, some in our party took the direct route (I-24 or US-41A), but we opted to stay on the PCT route which took us through towns with names like Wartrace (!) and Bell Buckle. This option was to prove fortuitous for Doug and I, as the Gimmick Rallye for the Convention (in which we placed 2nd) took us over some of the same roads.



Words and photos thanks to Gordy Hyde



AROC National Convention - Nashville



When you hear the city name, "Nashville", what comes to mind? Country Music, Grand Ole Opry, more country music, and perhaps a little BBQ. Trust me, those are here, but there are lots of other great things to see as well. Attending the AROC National Convention is always a good chance to explore a new place with the help of the locals giving you directions and suggestions.



*Board of Directors Meeting
Photo by Gordy Hyde*

Arriving on Wednesday, June 15, some people attended the annual AROC Board of Directors meeting to watch the official work being done by those who keep our club on the track and moving forward. Thanks, BoD, for doing this so I can play and enjoy the club with other club members. Another fun thing to do on Wednesday was to explore the host hotel, Marriott, or the general area, or enjoy a tour of the Bellissima display at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts.

Bellissima is a display that stays through October featuring the creativity and futuristic visions of great Italian designs from Bertone, Pininfarina, Zagato, Ghia, Touring, and others from 1945 through 1975. Walking into the wonderful and artistic Frist building you are immediately greeted by the three Alfa Romeo



Bellissima All three B.A.T. cars.



Lancia Stratos HF Zero



Maserati A6G 2000 and Cisitalia 202 SC Photo by Gordy Hyde

B.A.T. cars from the 50s. Its nice to see crowds of people gawking in amazement at the cars we'd love no matter what. The rest of the display continues with Ferrari 250 GTO, Cisitalia 202 SC, Fiat 8V Supersonic, Alfa Romeo 6C2500, Ferrari Dino Prototipo, ATS 2500 GT, Maserati A6G 2000, Lamborghini Miura S, and even the extreme Bertone designed Lancia Stratos HF Zero. There is never enough time for displays like this as I can enjoy the details on all these cars for hours.

Amazingly, another museum display was also very cool... though not car related. Titled: The Power of Pictures, Early Soviet Photography and Film. This display explored the relationship between art and politics, showing a historic period when artists were a primary tool for social change or control. Soon after the Russian Revolution in 1917, artists enjoyed using a relatively new medium, photography, to capture their



National Convention Cont'd...



new changing society. Though initially encouraged freely to capture life, when Stalin solidified his control over the country in 1932, he changed the rules. Strict state controls, staged photo scenes, idealized socialist agendas were to be the photo subjects. It could be a simple death sentence for taking the wrong photos. The carefully crafted photos were used to manipulate the masses with imagery of societal achievements that never existed. This happens today with digital manipulation of images on social media and print media... often a profit motive, or by our News media often times to gain ratings. Gone are the days you can trust the photo.

Wednesday evening had the convention goers heading to the wonderfully funky Lane Motor Museum. Owned by Jeff Lane, he collects and displays unique, often small cars of all types and styles. Some new Hondas, or Toyotas, while also having aero cars, ampicars, and plenty of rare and one off test cars from around the



Lane Motor Museum Welcome Party



Lane Motor Museum Welcome Party

world. We were provided with a full meal as we wandered the cars, boats, motorcycles, and even a plane or two. The party stayed upstairs where the public sees the cars, but some of us got a quick tour of the basement as well. They have hundreds of cars with some being restored and others saved as they were found. It is an amazing collection of extremely fun and often odd cars well worth a visit. I asked Jeff what a collector of all these fun cars drives, and it's a tired looking old Volvo with a little rust. He loves the car and keeps its mechanical side in top shape... while the outside weathers a bit.



Rally Check Point

Thursday morning had us up early to get staged to start the Gimmick Rally. These are always fun as they take you on a meandering drive around the area the organizers want you to see. The scenery, stops, and subjects are always good. Same with this rally, but with the addition of the instructions being written by musician and poet, Bob Simonds with a series of tricky questions to answer along the way. The instructions were funny and clever and some of us followed them better than others.

(Gordy Hyde and his team took 2nd overall... I took a lot further down the list as I'm a bit whacky and drive too fast at times.) The route took us through plenty of small communities until we got to our lunch stop in the Bell Buckle with plenty of antique stores, art items, and fun food stops. We ate fried berry pies (think hostess fruit pies but fresh and really good) fried green tomato sandwiches, and more. After some ice cream on the hot day, we jumped back in the car for the rest of the rally. The afternoon stop was at a winery where samples were enjoyed and route guides with our completed answers were turned in to the score keepers. Our morning stop had been at the Stones River National Battlefield giving us an opportuni-



Stones River ranger talk

National Convention Cont'd...



ty to explore and learn about a Civil War battle site. There are few things as powerful when wanting the world to avoid war and strive for peace, than spending time on a peaceful site like this and imagine the thousands of lives lost in the fields we stand in. There is nothing civil or civilized about the Civil War, or any war.

In late afternoon, we also had a couple fun Tech Sessions back at the hotel. First was a session on the topic of buying and selling Alfas over the internet. There is a right way, wrong way, for both buying and selling. The second session was a talk and display by Gary Kaberle on the topic of the Alfa Romeo / Bertone B.A.T. cars. He used to own B.A.T. 9 which he'd bought at age 17 as a cool cheap car to drive. It was special and after a while he figured that out. After owning it for many years, he sold the car when his

wife came down with cancer. He has become an expert on the B.A.T. cars, friend with the Bertone family, and even contracted to have a new B.A.T. 11 made. The session was our chance to get educated on the original cars, and what it took to create a new car and including a slide show of the crafters making his new car by hand. He also had the real B.A.T. 11 on display for us to see.

The evening was Honky Tonk time. Lots of people boarded buses for a ride into town where they were dropped off for a little (or a lot) of sampling of the countless honky tonk bars in downtown Nashville. Neon lights light up the street while loud music rattles everything for a few blocks. Each bar has a prospective country star playin' their heart out to either get their big break, or at least live their dream in this bar. Buses brought the people back to the hotel no matter how much sampling they'd done.



Convention Hotel



Two Alfa 4C set a fast pace. Photo by Gordy Hyde



Friday was track day but that meant heading north for about an hour across the border into Kentucky. The track was the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park in Bowling Green. The Alfas enjoyed a portion of the road course while other local racers used the other portion. Simultaneously, the large flat paved

Cindy Akana enjoys a parade lap in a Duetto.



Autocross = Cone Hell

return to the track. The viewing area for the track was rather limited but you could see most of the track from the one vantage point. The best view was during the parade laps.

National Convention Cont'd...



Bowling Green KY Corvette Museum

You can't be this close without taking a tour of the Corvette museum, which no longer has a giant hole in the floor. You might remember the odd disaster where the floor collapsed under the museum when a sinkhole opened up in February 2014. Watching the security camera videos, 8 rare and perfect Corvettes dropped into the massive 30 foot deep hole and were badly damaged and 6 stay on display on the fully repaired museum. Two others have been restored



by GM and are back on display in perfect shape. The rest of the museum has wonderful examples of most years of production and a number of rare race versions. Educational displays are almost as common as nick nack items they sell... which I saw lots of people buying. The whole tour was well worth the time and a great place to enjoy cars, even though they aren't Alfas.



Wes Ingram interviews Dick & Jessica Camp

I know I'm biased, and I'm a social extrovert, but Friday night is one of the best parts of a convention. The hotel parking lot always has plenty of familiar faces from back home, or from across the country and all the great cars. This time, the really special treat was a live "show" put on by our own living legend, Wes Ingram. Wes had arranged for a few differing Alfa Romeos to roll across the "stage" and using a microphone, he interviewed the people about their cars, what made them unique, and then asked the owners for background on them. A couple things talked about, each of us might know, but with every car that crossed, we learned something new and it was thoroughly entertaining late into the evening. One of the cars and couple interviewed was our own Dick and Jessica Camp with their stun-

ning yellow Spider. After a few questions we all learned how the car was Jessica's but how well they support each others passions for cars and life. Sounds like a recipe for a good relationship, learned at a Wes Ingram car talk. There were numerous nuggets of Wes wisdom along with a lot of very happy people. A definite highlight of the weekend.

As the Saturday morning light hung low across the green grass a number of us headed north to the Two Rivers Mansion park where the Concorso was to take place. I was a judge so I saw the event through different eyes than others might see it. As a judge, I'm assigned to a select group of cars, part of a team of three people, and had strict rules to follow. We found our cars, met with the owners, and went over the cars looking for a variety of details from beauty to accuracy. It was also fun to hear the stories from the owners. One car was a 1978 Spider with only 14,500 miles on it. The car had barely been used, then stored for 26 years. It is fun to see so much of the original items still in place as the car has had minimal servicing ever done to it.

The overall Concorso had lots of fun cars to enjoy all on a grass field with old trees set in a pattern from well over a hundred years ago. Alfa Romeo brought out a new Giulia and 4C Spider for us to enjoy as well. The old Italianate mansion at the heart of the property had originally been 1100 acres of land. Now



Debi Schmid found a nice Spider at the Concorso

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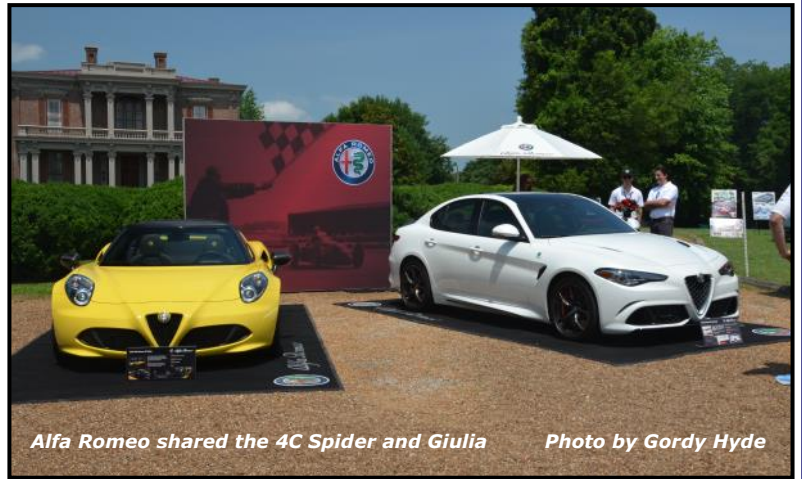
the property is home to parks, ball fields, Opryland, and a shopping mall. Tours of the house are provided by people in period correct attire and was well worth the extra hour visit.

Back at the hotel was the Swap Meet, Art Show with amazing and creative items, Vendor room with the likes of Tony & Debi Schmid as well as a guy selling unique car themed table lamps by DelSol boatlighting. Alfa Romeo officials were there to share the new Alfa Romeo Giulia sedan with attendees. Finished in the stunning dark blue, the car always seemed to have a small crowd... that usually included Mirko Freguia who seemed quite smitten with the car. There was also a Town Hall Meeting where members could simply talk and exchange ideas and ask questions. It went well with people asking questions like "How does a club host a convention?" It was all a good exchange.

Saturday evening closed out with a banquet back at the hotel with everyone dressed up and still talking Alfa Romeos. The guest speaker role was actually two people. First, we had a representative from FCA / Alfa Romeo talk about the sales and market plans for Alfa Romeo and the positioning of marketing efforts based on the targeted demographics. Next, we had Ken Gross, the curator of the traveling car show Bellissima. Ken has created multiple artistic car shows around the world and has personally saved a dozen museums thanks to his very cool gatherings of cars he puts on display. He talked about the collector car world and the appreciation for the artistic and historic nature of the cars. He shared stories and was a real treat. We didn't have enough time with Ken.

Sunday is often a short day and this one was no exception. The best part was the event breakfast was amazingly good. Damn... wher has this good food been hiding during my visit? Then came the awards presentation. Though there were a few challenges with the process, nobody got bloody and it looked like everyone enjoyed the morning, and the whole convention.

It was a very good way to spend a few days in Nashville Tennessee and now comes the long wait until 2017 and Montreal.



Alfa Romeo shared the 4C Spider and Giulia

Photo by Gordy Hyde

Holding a National Convention In Your Own Backyard

In 2005, around 700 club and family members came to Bellevue to be part of the Potlatch, AROC National Convention. It was a great time by just about any measurement. As Trump would agree, it was 'uuuuge! Over the years there have been many great conventions, large and small, in numerous wonderful places. Now, the NWARC Board has voted, and the AROC Board has approved, the NW will host it again in 2018. The chosen dates are August 8-12, 2018 with the Pre-Tour days prior to that.

We can't and shouldn't try to recreate the Potlatch. Instead we are planning on holding the event in the Olympia area and celebrating everything that is the Evergreen State. The theme name should help keep us on track... "Sempreverde 2018".

Still working out all the details, both big and small, but plenty of foundation work has already been done. Hotel facilities, track needs, concours location, and dates are all identified and in place. As anyone who has been to a large convention knows, it takes a group of volunteers to help make this all work. Figuring out the look, flow, and feel of each of the events, signage, presentations, and more is fun, rewarding, and hard work.

Many people have stepped up already and said they want to be part of this, and many more are welcome. The key is that when we spread it across a lot of people, no one person is overworked.

I think I see you are raising your hand, so to volunteer, simply contact Gordy Hyde (GoHyde@Hotmail.com), or Debi Schmid (DebiSchmid@Yahoo.com) and let them know what you'd like to help with, or ask them where you'd best fit.

There is a ton of time between now and August 2018, but since it takes lots of time and commitments must be set well in advance, and we all have to figure out work, club, and life balance, we need this time to get this done. This will be a great chance to brag about where we call home and bring the national Alfa Romeo passion to our backyard.



Pre Historics BBQ



Gary & Marie's home surrounded by Alfas and Alfisiti

When someone threatens to park a car in your yard, that is often not a good thing, but that is exactly what I promised to Gary & Marie Patitz. You see, they put on one wonderful BBQ for the NW Alfa Romeo club each year, and this year they did it again. To show appreciation, I brought a 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C2900 B Lungo to park in their yard during the BBQ. I had driven the car down to Pacific Raceways to share it at the



Inside Gary's garage... Photo by John Schommer



Gordy gets a birthday surprise

Pre Historics BBQ Cont...



Pacific NW Historics and the only way to top that is enjoy the BBQ.

As usual, the location was perfect with a number of great Alfas parked in the garage and outside, plus banners with our favorite car logo. The food was outstanding and plentiful. The people are a nice mix of regulars, a few old friends, and always a few new faces most of us don't know. The recipe is always a winner.

An added bonus was a surprise birthday cake and presents for Gordy Hyde as he turned something close to a hundred on this same date. Balloons, cake, and décor were all special for him and his humor. Happy rainbows and unicorns, Gordy!



Thanks to Marie and Gary for hosting all of us... and for letting me park in your yard.



SOVREN Pacific NW Historics



Little Italy in the paddock at Pacific Raceways. Photo by Gary Patitz



John Gates' Alfa racer in the paddock Photo by Joe Faherty



Dan Jardine is the only one who can sit on his nice GTV6 Bolocco edition



Alfa action in turn 5B Photo by Joe Faherty



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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



Car For Sale: 1986 Alfa Spider Quadrifoglio Red \$15,200 Exceptional condition Only 21,058 original miles - 2.0 Liter DOHC MPFI-5-speed Quadrifoglio Verde (Green Four Leaf Clover) model. Styled by Pininfarina. Includes side skirts, mirrors, new front and rear spoilers, alloy wheels with new Pirelli tires, original factory leather sport seats-gray with red stitching and carpet, Bosch L-Jetronic fuel injection. Power windows-air conditioning equipped, new factory soft top. Smooth-Quiet-Tight-Runs Like it new in 1986. It's time to allow someone else to really enjoy this car! Contact **Kevin Wescott, kgjwescott@comcast.net or phone 425-877-7092**



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**



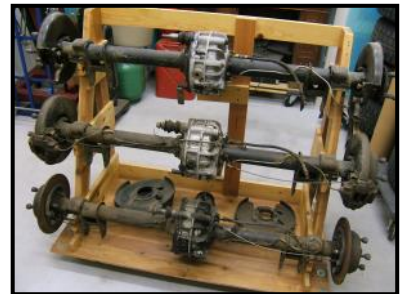
Car For Sale: 1978 Alfa Romeo Spider 138,000 miles, Red with black top. Has been on a few NWARC tours years ago, but has since been sitting in my garage. Dead Battery but when jump started it starts and runs. Looking for \$5000. Comes with car cover. **Contact:** tobin_jennifer_ann@hotmail.com

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. **Contact gary.w.patitz@boeing.com**

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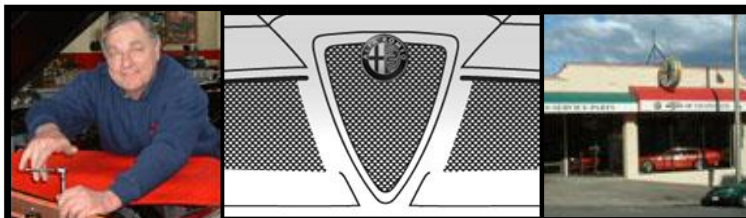
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- Aug 14—21 Monterey Car Week Monterey, CA (Concorso, Quail, Laguna Seca, Pebble)
 - Aug 27 LeMay Family Foundation Car Show Parkland, WA
 - Aug 27 Americas Car Museum Drive In Movie Night Tacoma, WA
 - Aug 28 San Juan Island Concours d'Elegance San Juan Vineyards
 - **Sept 13** **NWARC Club Meeting Kirkland, WA See Page 3**
 - **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
 - **Oct 11** **NWARC Club Meeting TBD**
 - **Nov 8** **NWARC Club Meeting TBD Club Elections**
 - **Nov 12** **NWARC Driver Skills Clinic TBD**
 - **Dec 11** **NWARC Holiday Party Renton, WA**
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- *Jan 1* *NWARC 2017 Anti Football Drive TBD*
 - *Jan 10* *NWARC Club Meeting TBD*
 - *Jan 15* *Arizona Concours d'Elegance Phoenix, AZ*
 - **July 13-16** **AROC / ARCC 2017 International Convention Montreal, Canada**
 - **July 29** **NWARC 2017 Viva Italia Saint Edward St. Park, Kenmore**
 - **Sept 9-11** **NWARC 2017 Half-Fast Lap NE Oregon / Wallowa Mountains**



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