

# Iniezione

The newsletter of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club

## Rain Dance! - Drivers' School and Lapping Day, March 11

Well, we couldn't have picked a better day to learn driving skills at the limit of adhesion! Our annual Spring Driving School provided plenty of opportunity to learn the benefit of smooth, steady use of the controls, the result of overdoing it being very quickly apparent! Thanks to some highly impressive leadership from Mirko Freguia, both the driving school and NWARC's first high-speed lapping day for some years went off very well and a good time was had by all, even the very wet cone-setters! Here are a couple of reports from participants.

### A cocktail of chemicals

"If you feel like all the fun's going to your head, it could be the chemicals swirling in your brain. Endorphins are released by the pituitary glands, which prompt a rush of dopamine. Meanwhile, the adrenal glands, which sit atop the kidneys, release adrenaline and cortisol into your bloodstream, increasing your heart rate and contracting your muscles. And your facial muscles rearrange themselves involuntarily to show the world just how much fun you're having." (Zoom-Zoom Magazine, Fall 2012, page 31)

Start your engines.



Winter Solstice - Jon Inge



Fred Russell

It was a typical Seattle area rainy forecast. I was pondering if I should bring a more modern car with all the traction control and anti-skid tools that could be devised, or should I bring a totally manual, no power brakes, steering or sensors in anything? Would my forty year old car make it through the day? Well, I wanted to learn something, not just let the car do all the work, so off I went with my Lancia Beta Coupe. (I had performed the usual checks: oil level, brake fluids, tire pressure, fresh gas.) The rain ended up being the best prescription to learn without putting a lot of stress on my car. It also meant that traction and braking limits would occur

at a much lower and controlled speed.

The group of students that showed up ranged from teenagers to several gray hairs like me. Cars went from standard daily drivers and a Jeep, up to high end Porsches, BMWs and a brand new Ferrari. This worthwhile school was put



Jon Inge

together by NWARC Club chief driving instructor Mirko Freguia, and the in-car coaching was provided by expert volunteers. In going

through the events and programmed learning, you get a sense of what your car feels like and where it will go in the safety of controlled exercises. The drills involved keeping your car inside of traffic

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Fred Russell

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phi·lan·thro·py ( fəˈlɑnθrəpē ) Noun: The desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

The benefits of being a member of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club are numerous. We have wonderful social events like our holiday gala, BBQ, and Chili or Pasta cookoff. We enjoy drives on New Year's Day, summer, and our annual Half Lap. Often, we have informative tech sessions with mechanics or subject matter experts who teach us about repair tasks, upgrade ideas, and detailing. If you enjoy driving fast, our track events are wonderful options to learn to enjoy your car(s) at speed. A few members have gone on to race in many events outside of club track days. Additionally, our club meetings have had entertaining visits where members share travels and special events.

These are just some of the many examples of the great benefits of sharing our Alfa Romeo enthusiasm between members. Our enthusiasm often extends to our supportive families and friends. Outside of the club, many people benefit from our efforts, enjoyment and generosity through our club's philanthropic side. Our club has been generous for many years, but today I'm highlighting the wonderful gifts we've shared over the last couple years.

Back in March of 2015, we had a tour of three local car collections and charged a minimal fee from attendees. The \$742 profits were split equally between two local benefactors.

First, we donated to The Village Theater in Issaquah. Arts are a wonderful benefit to a community and the Village Theater has been one of these benefits since they opened in 1979 in Issaquah. This live theater has worked diligently since the beginning to develop all facets of theater skills from lighting, direction, and of course... acting and singing. Over the years, in excess of 150 productions have originated at The Village Theater with many going on to garner national recognition. Just like NWARC, they are small and local with a wonderful national reputation.

Next, Seattle Children's Hospital received our check. This renowned local hospital is one of the top five pediatric hospitals in the country. Seattle Children's provides necessary medical care to all children in our region, regardless of a family's ability to pay. They also have a wonderful track record of helping the whole family during what can often be a very tough and scary time while a child needs medical care. A very worthy recipient of our gifts.

As a club we agreed to donate our profits from our 2015 Holiday party to two charities as well. Our profits came from our wonderful sponsors who send us gift items as well as members who donate and / or purchase from the auction tables. We split the profits equally with the first half going to Seattle Children's Hospital through the SOVREN Guild. Over the years, this guild has been partnering with the local vintage car racing scene and raised over \$9 million towards



the uncompensated care provided to all families who need it since 1991. We added our check for another \$1,450 to their wonderful cause.

The remainder of the 2015 money went to another Seattle group that helps families in need; the Seattle Milk Fund. Originally started over 110 years ago to provide fruits, vegetables and flowers to hospital patients in Seattle, then getting its name from helping families during the depression while working through a milk dispensary. Today, they still focus on families, utilizing 200 volunteers to provide family support and child care as needed.

Another gift we are working on is to create an annual scholarship with the Lake Washington Technical Institute. Ken Case and I met with their fundraising guild to gather details and discuss our club's commitments. We still have a few details to finalize, but this will become an annual plan. With many of the public schools dropping their shop and automotive classes, skills to repair and maintain cars is becoming more challenging to find. Our focus is to support this specialized school and students by providing money that can pay for tuition or tools as needed. We'll share more on this as we finalize the gift and when it's renewed annually. The money for this comes from any surplus from our track days or skills schools.

It's a joy knowing that our passions for Alfa Romeo, friendships within the club and efforts to put these events together can pay back to members of the society we all live in. Additionally personal for me is the fact that as a young poor kid growing up in Seattle in the 60's my family was a recipient of generosity of the Seattle Milk Fund. I know that many of us or our families have been touched by these great organizations already, or may in the future. One way or another, we all benefit when we share like we do. Remember all the good that comes from your efforts when you volunteer your efforts or join one of these fun club events. Thanks for your help in making this such a wonderful club. — Fred



## Next Club Meeting

Tue, April 11 - 6:30 pm

### Group 2 Motorsports Tech Session on Turbocharging

Looking for a bit more power? Come on down to Group 2's shop in Ballard to learn something of the complexity and choices to be made in turbocharging! One Alfa and two BMWs will be used as teacher's aids in the demo.



After a bit of socializing and a quick club meeting, shop owner John van Rensburg will give us an overview of Group 2's services and projects. These include their daily-driver servicing, Ferrari/Maserati diagnostics ability, an updated relationship with Nurburgring/Spa specialist Ron Simon and a new dealership for Alfaholics parts. This latter is

the genesis of a project to build a full aluminum-bodied GTA replica, based on a 1966 step-nose GTV and using a full complement of Alfaholics parts, including the riveted-in aluminum roof section, the aluminum door skins, fenders and rear quarters.



# Alfaholics

John will then give us an overview of the benefits and challenges of turbocharging. This will include practical illustrations from three projects currently in hand:

- a full restoration of a customer's 2002 BMW that will see its stock M10 engine built up with forged internals and a turbo charger,
- an E36 M3 BMW that is getting a 600-700 horsepower M52 turbo motor installed,
- a 24-valve turbo-charged Alfa V6 that may go into a GTV6 donor or perhaps into John's own monster Milano build... Decisions, decisions.



This will be an evening with a bit of info for almost everyone! Bring your dinners, or have them delivered; the club will provide drinks and snacks.

6:30 - 9:00 PM Tuesday April 11  
Group 2 Motorsports  
2600 W Commodore Way, Seattle WA 98199

## 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?

Commercial advertisements in the newsletter are a win! During this tight economy, give your business added exposure while supporting the NWARC. Ad rates are: **5"x8" \$85/Qtrly \$200/Annu 4"x5" \$65/Qtrly \$170/Annu 2"x3.5" \$50/Qtrly \$120/Annu** E-mail a color tif, or pdf file (300 DPI) to [editor@nwalfaclub.com](mailto:editor@nwalfaclub.com)

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## Rain Dance! — continued



cones, stopping, turning, observing for direction signals. At the end of the morning I had learned a bunch on how to control my car, what it felt like in simulated emergency situations and how to maintain the car's position and control. It gave me a boost of respect for the design of the car. The staff was encouraging and gave helpful feedback as participant improved and learned. I think I found a bunch of Lancia Beta fans, or maybe they were just glad to see an older car getting driven like it should be, enthusiastically. Oh, and did I mention that it was way, way a bunch of fun?! - Pat Kvietkus, *Fiat Enthusiasts Northwest*

### High Performance Driving Experience --- At Last!

It can be a little nerve wracking to hold a club lapping event in early March, especially when it snows about 5 days prior to

the date. The good part is that Mirko Freguia hid any personal nervousness, and that helped calm me down. As March 11 arrived we had a full registration, everything was ready. We'd held the Skills School earlier in the same day and had plenty of steady rain, but now it was just a light drizzle.

After the driver's meeting everyone prepared to go out in one of the three run groups. First were the Pro 3 guys in their BMWs, second were the experienced drivers who have participated in these events previously, and third was the group that included many new track participants. We had a team of volunteer instructors who rode along in many of the cars in this last group providing guidance and coaching.



Each hour was split into 3 twenty minute sessions so each group had one session per hour. With all the rain and puddles on the track surface, we started the sessions with a cautious full course yellow flag so drivers would stay slow and safe for

a couple laps. Turn workers were stationed around the track and race rescue was at the ready near Turn 8, all to ensure a safe, fun day.

Even when all the details are covered, there is still risk and one car did get damaged right at the beginning. The good news is that nobody was hurt, everyone (else) had a great time despite the delay, and that was the only incident all afternoon.

The rain went away and the track dried up for the last few hours. Dave Kingstone had his Red/White GTV out for a strong running. Chuck Arnold, Chris Benney, Jeff Bedell, Roger van der Marel, Pete Bristow, Phil Edwards and many others were out there driving and enjoying our first track day event in 4 years.

These events take a huge effort to set up, run this smoothly and clean up. Thanks to Mirko for pulling this all together, covering the needs, providing the safety and operating guidelines, and for doing it all with a smile on his face. - Fred Russell 🍀





## Tulip Rallye Tips – Wild About Cars Garage, 14 Mar 2017

### Learning from the Rally Master

Our March Club meeting was held at Wild About Cars Garage on March 14, attended by 19 stalwarts. As usual, WAC had a fascinating variety of vehicles on display. How often do you see two DeLoreans in one place? Or a 1937 Packard sandwiched between a Mercedes SLR McLaren on one side and a pink VW Microbus pick-up on the other? And it's amazing how small a Jaguar E-Type looks when parked alongside a 1953 Cadillac convertible!

Following the usual socializing, dinner and short club meeting, our speaker, Bert Cripe, proceeded to pass on to us the benefit of his years of experience in planning the annual MG Car Club's Tulip Rallye. This highly popular event is always a fun drive through the countryside of the Skagit Valley while trying to answer a long series of obscure and humorous questions about things seen along the route. A plaque is awarded to the winner from each car club that has five or more members taking part. I'm not saying that our members aren't normally competitive, but our esteemed President and Secretary have a particularly long-standing rivalry over winning this event.

This year we tried to level the playing field a bit by asking Bert to outline how he goes about setting up the rally, and how that might give the rest of us our best chance of winning that coveted plaque.

First of all, Bert tries to make sure the route instructions are as clear and unambiguous as possible, with no traps or gimmicks. The important thing is that participants be able to get where they're supposed to be safely and with the minimum of distractions. Routes are checked on Google Earth to determine the placement and visibility of road signs, and are physically driven multiple times to verify any changes.

That said, his goal is definitely to challenge each team sufficiently to make sure that not everyone gets all the answers correct! The following tips may help:

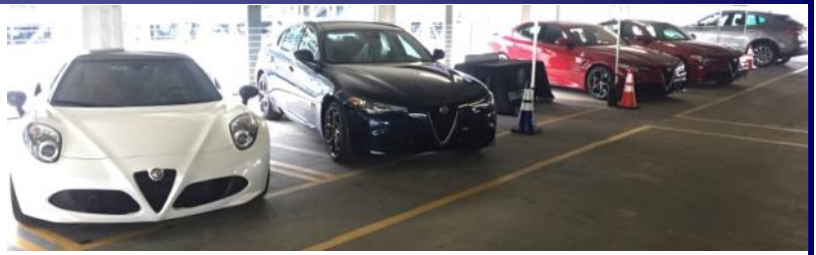
- The rally always uses at least two sets of instructions outlining the route in different orders. This discourages drivers from blindly following the car in front, and reduces the traffic impact on residential and crowded neighborhoods.
- The clues generally take a humorous approach which requires some creative thinking to answer. While all clues are given in order along the route and every answer will be visible from the car, you will have to look around. If an instruction says to "Turn Right at the Stop Sign" and is followed by a clue, the answer will be within view at some point after you've made the turn and before you get to the next instruction. But it may also be behind you immediately after you've turned...
- As soon as you receive your route instructions and rally questions at starting point, pull over and read them. There is almost always at least one question that can only be answered by looking around close to the starting line, and it's very easy to overlook these.
- It's also worth looking through the whole list of questions right then in case there's anything you should be noting along the way, such as "How many times did you cross a waterway during the rally?" And if one of the questions is something like "How many times are railroad crossings mentioned in the instructions?", that will include the mention in the question!
- Don't just follow another car; they may be on a different route. Make a point of crossing off each route instruction as you perform it. That way, if you do get lost and have to call the organizers on your cell phone, they'll have a chance of working out where you went wrong and how to help you.
- While this is a fun event with the opportunity to stop along the way and take photographs (maybe even of tulips), in the event of a tie in the rally question scores your elapsed time and/or mileage will be used as tie-breakers. Any pressure will be purely self-imposed, so find your own balance and have a good time either way!

- Article and photos: Jon Inge



## Giulia and 4C Test Drives - March 4

On March 4<sup>th</sup> the downtown streets around Safeco Field were enlivened by the presence of four new Alfa Romeos: a 4C Coupe, a Giulia Quadrifoglio Verde and two Giulia Ti Sports. The cars were brought to town by Alfa Romeo USA in conjunction with sponsorship of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Whiskey Rocks NW concert and whiskey tasting event. This rare opportunity to test drive Alfa Romeo's hottest new cars was organized by Alex Sargeant and Jim Elliott on behalf of Maserati Alfa Romeo Fiat of Kirkland.



Ten-minute test drives were conducted outside starting in the Safeco Field Parking Garage. Inside the Whiskey Rocks event a drawing was held hourly at the Alfa Romeo booth for a set of Alfa Romeo logo shot glasses. The drawing proved to be very popular.

Drives were limited to those who had not already been inside tasting the whiskey. In the early part of the evening the driving was pretty spirited down Airport Way until the Seattle Police Department noticed what was going on. Intermittent rain showers also helped keep the evening interesting since all of the cars were equipped with summer performance tires and the ambient temperature was about 40 degrees. Thankfully, no cars or pedestrians were damaged. Everyone seemed genuinely impressed by the cars, and the following week three of the test drivers ordered Quadrifoglio Verdes for themselves from Maserati Alfa Romeo Fiat of Kirkland! All in all, it was a most fun and successful evening. - *Article and photo: Alex Sargeant* 🍀

## St. Patrick's Day Party - March 18



Gordy Hyde

On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the sun came out on Fox Island to greet about 25 partiers for the O'Faherty's annual St. Patrick's Day event. The revelers included many Alfa Club members, including Dave and Kristi Ely of Bremerton (who attended for the first time), several guests who never miss, and Lynn's mom, who hasn't been in a long time.

Guests enjoyed the boisterous conversation and variety of delicious foods, including Joe's excellent Irish Stew and famous Dubliner Fish Pie. Thanks to all who attended to make another party great!

Slainte! - *Lynn Faherty* 🍀



## Annual Citroen Spring Drive - March 19

The week before I'd thought about getting raincoats for chickens because, with all this heavy rain, my backyard hens were wet and ratty. Therefore, I was thrilled when the forecast for March 18 was sun, sun, and more sun. I knew my chickens would get a chance to dry out and, more importantly, it would be a lovely day to ride around in a sports car for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Drive put on by Paul Melrose of the NW Citroen Owners Club.

By 10 AM on Sunday, I was soaking up the sun in a bright yellow 1973 Ferrari Daytona Spider. With the top down and a heavy coat wrapped around me, I raised my face towards the sunshine and enjoyed the perfect sound of the Ferrari engine as we whipped past horse- and alpaca-filled pastures along the backroads to Auburn.

Skirting Palmer, Bayne, Cumberland and Enumclaw, my driver, Fred Russell, and I joked about the abundance of waterfront property along those backroads as every meadow was filled with water! Our parade of classic French cars, MGs and Ferraris caught the attention of country-living folks walking the same roads and enjoying the same sunny day. Waves from enthusiastic parents and their children made us wave back from our topless spider and drew honks from the red Ferrari 328 GTS that followed us.



Panhard, BMW, Citroen, Citroen... Alex Kwanten



Paul Melrose

Because I'm a little bit country myself, I enjoy this country drive. This year, it included a midway pit and pastry stop in Black Diamond where we could enjoy pastries from the local bakery and ooh and ah over one another's vehicles. After the 67-mile drive we gathered in Auburn at Odfellas Pub & Eatery to share lunch and stories. This is the second time I've participated in this drive, and it will certainly not be the last. - *Cindy Akana* 🍀



## Upcoming Events - April/May 2017

As you can see from the Calendar on the back page, we have a LOT of events coming up! Here are more details of those happening in the next few weeks. Enjoy!

### April 6-8 - PIR Swap Meet, Portland, OR



The Portland International Raceway (PIR) Auto Swap Meet will return to the racetrack at 1940 North Victory Blvd. for its 12<sup>th</sup> annual event from Thursday, April 6 to Saturday, April 8; hours are 7am to 5pm daily. one of the racetrack's most successful events, drawing nearly 2,000 vendors that set up on every available space of the five-mile road course. From memorabilia to mini bikes, gas pumps to garage flooring, and tools to transmissions, the swap meet is a gearhead's dream.

Admission is \$7 per day, and free for children under the age of 12. Parking is \$10 per day, or hop on the MAX Yellow Line, which stops just outside PIR's main gate. One of the recommended ways to visit the booths is by non-motorized bicycles, which are allowed on the track; attendees will want to tow a trailer/wagon behind that bike for proper parts transport.



### April 11 - NWARC Club Meeting - Group 2, Ballard



A great and varied tech session at Group 2's shop in Ballard. Come and learn about turbo-charging, and see the wide range of projects and services John van Rensburg's shop can provide. See page 3 for details.

### April 16 - FEN All-Italian Car Show, Issaquah

Fiat Enthusiasts Northwest's Eleventh Annual All Italian Car Show is at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah! This event always brings out a wide variety of fine Italian machinery, and spectator admission is free. Yes, it's on Easter Sunday, but it's worth the trip.

FEN's show is a light-hearted, fun event, for Italian car buffs and their families. All Italian cars, in any condition from projects to daily drivers to concours-ready, are wholeheartedly welcome. There will be no white glove inspections, no examinations for authentic restorations, just the simple enjoyment that comes from spending quality time with fellow car enthusiasts. **However, no kit cars or replicas, please!**



Location: XXX Root Beer Drive-in, 98 NE Gilman Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027, just off of I-90 at eastbound exit #17. Check-in and day-of-event registration begins at 8 a.m. or so; the show ends at 3 p.m. or so. Questions or comments to: [fiats@wavecable.com](mailto:fiats@wavecable.com)

### April 22 - MG Car Club Tulip Rallye

Make your plans now to attend the MG Car Club's 36th annual Tulip Rallye on April 22! Reschedule anything in the way and plan to start from the Skagit Valley Mall in Burlington and wander the scenic roads of Skagit County. Along the way, answer the gimmick questions, stay on course, and enjoy the great variety of cars, including Alfa Romeos. The competition is fun, but tough amongst friends and family. Don't forget to bring your own lunch!

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

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YES! I want to participate in the 36th Annual Tulip Rallye (And win for Alfa Romeos)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Car \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Which Car Club do you belong to? \_\_\_\_ NWARC \_\_\_\_  
Entry Fee per car (\$12 USD or \$15 CDN in advance) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Event Short Sleeve T-Shirt (\$12 USD or \$18 CDN)  
Med \_\_\_\_ LG \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Tulip Rallye, c/o Bert Cripe, 2398 Jefferson Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366



## Forthcoming events — continued

### April 29-30 - AROO Old Spider Tour, Oregon



A tour with a long history and a great way to enjoy your club and your Alfa. This year, we will be touring over the weekend, with a Saturday night stay and group dinner at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa. Saturday/Sunday will be restaurant lunches so we can sit and enjoy ourselves before we get back on the road. Kah-Nee-Ta enjoys sunshine 300 days a year - pack your swim suit and flip flops!

We welcome you and your Alfa (any vintage or type), but really encourage all Old Spiders (pre 1965) to get out and join us. If you are tight on time, just join us for Saturday. If you have a new Alfa 4C or Giulia Sedan, please come and let the rest of us appreciate these fabulous new cars. Although the date is April top down

weather is expected, but bring a warm coat and a hat for the morning.

- Date: April 29th and 30th, overnight tour. Back in Portland about 5 pm on 4/30
- Start point: Mt. Talbert Park, 10945 SE Mather Rd, Clackamas, 97015
- Start Time: Saturday, arrive at 8 AM donuts/coffee, drivers' meeting 8:15 AM

### May 7 - Rainier Auto Sports Club Raindrop Rally, Chehalis



Thinking about entering a Time Speed Distance event? How about a little TSD practice to learn or get current? The Rainier Auto Sports Club is holding a one day TSD event on all-paved roads, called Raindrop Rally 2017.

This is a leisurely touring TSD event with fine driving roads, minimum traffic and wonderful scenery. It's geared toward the novice entrant with no traps and with mileages for every instruction, but precise timekeeping will still be required to score well. Awards will be given for Unlimited, Equipped, SOP, Novice, and Vintage classes. The rally starts at 10 and lasts 5-6 hours, and is approximately 170 miles long.

- Date: Sunday, May 7, 2017.
- Start/Finish Location: Kit Carson Restaurant, 107 SW Interstate Ave. Chehalis, WA 98532 (Exit 76 off I-5).
- General Instructions: We use our Touring General Instructions available in Rally Reference on the registration page, <http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2017/raindrop/default.htm>

### June 10 - NWARC Garden Tour, Heronswood & Windcliff

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NWARC Garden Tour on June 10, 2017—a very special opportunity!

This year we will have a special treat! Renowned gardener, **Dan Hinkley** will guide us on a tour of both his **Heronwood** and **Windcliff** Gardens. Dan is an American plantsman, garden writer, horticulturist and nurseryman who collects rare and unusual plants from around the world for his gardens. The original garden, Heronswood, is set in a shady glen. The newer Windcliff garden is on the bright, windswept shores of Puget Sound. Each garden has unique collections for its environment.



HERONSWOOD

There will be two routes to get there. One group will meet at the Edmonds-Kingston Ferry and then drive the short distance to the Heronswood Garden; the other will meet in Gig Harbor and drive north to Kingston.

The Heronswood tour will begin at 10:00 AM. We'll take a lunch break at the Point Casino Restaurant (there are no other quick lunch options), and then visit the Windcliff Garden.

#### **RSVP and Pre-Payments required; checks must be received by JUNE 1 – no fooling!**

All prices are per person.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 pp 10:00 – 11:30, Heronswood Tour guided by Dan Hinkley
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 pp 12:00 – 1:00, Private Hot Buffet Lunch (entrée, sides, soft drinks) at Point Casino
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 pp 1:15 – 2:30, Private tour of Dan Hinkley's personal garden, Windcliff, guided by Dan

Make checks payable to **NWARC** and mail to: Debi Schmid, 3311 No. 26th St. Tacoma, WA 98407

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will tour on my own to Heronswood in Kingston, WA

\_\_\_\_\_ I will meet tour in Gig Harbor (Fred Meyer Marketplace, 5500 Olympic Dr. in Olympic Village) at 8:30 am. Debi & Tony Schmid leading

\_\_\_\_\_ I will meet tour at Edmonds/Kingston Ferry for 8:50 crossing. Bill & Judy Gehring leading

Driving directions will be sent upon RSVP. Questions?? Call Debi at 253-310-8015, [debischmid@yahoo.com](mailto:debischmid@yahoo.com).  
DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK!! See you there!!





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## Seattle Milk Fund Donation

As Fred mentioned in his column, one of the organizations the club supports is the Seattle Milk Fund, using some of the proceeds from our Christmas auction. We recently received the following letter in thanks. Well done, everyone!

Dear Members of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club,

I am writing to thank you on behalf of the families we support for your generous gift of \$1,450 to Seattle Milk Fund. Your thoughtfulness will directly help a low-income parent afford child care or preschool which will allow them to take classes toward their first college degree. What is really special about our grants is that their child receives an early-learning opportunity that they might not otherwise have access to. These early-learning opportunities can give children a great start in life and be instrumental in creating life-long learners. Your donation is truly making a difference for this generation and for generations to come.

I have attached a photo of a recent graduate and her son. Valeria graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from UW-Seattle and is currently going for her Master's in Education. Her future and her child's financial future look brighter because of the support she received from our community of donors and volunteers.

I look forward to sharing more success stories with you. Thanks again for your support.

With sincere gratitude,

Maggie

Maggie Skinner  
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## August 21 - NWARC/AROO Solar Eclipse Viewing, Oregon

Crossing through the heart of Oregon, the mid day sun on Monday, August 21 will be completely blocked out for 2 full minutes. In its place will be a spectacular view of a silhouetted moon with an amazing ring of the sun surrounding it. This is an unforgettable sight.

I plan to travel down to Madras, Oregon to witness this spectacle. For an hour before and after the day light will fade to dark, then slowly come back to daylight. As hotels along the path are charging upwards of \$1000 a night, I plan to stay near Vancouver WA on Sunday night at a much lower hotel rate. On Monday morning we'll drive two or three hours along a scenic, possibly busy highway to the middle of the total eclipse area near the town of Madras. At this point, the plan is to pack a lunch since the small towns will be over-run with tourists and eclipse viewers. I'm working on plan B which includes a lunch at a location in the area before heading back to Seattle. I'll be working with AROO to make this a joint club event with our Oregon friends.

If you want to be part of this, I need to hear from you soon. ([FKTMRussell@MSN.com](mailto:FKTMRussell@MSN.com) or [425 308 6621](tel:4253086621)) Hotel rooms within reach of this are hard to reserve, and are going fast. It's tough to pass this up, but if you must, you'll have another chance in 375 years when it happens here again. - Fred Russell



## Classified Ads Cars & Parts For Sale!

**1988 Alfa Romeo Spider Quadrifoglio.** Black exterior/grey factory leather Interior with red stitching in very good condition. Has factory Quad boot. Following work done at Autologic in Bellevue during my 3-year ownership: replaced fuel pump, water pump, driver's side door handle and refurbished original radiator. Recently replaced muffler with a Magnaflo from Dan's Muffler in Bellevue. Top doesn't leak but the rear window could be replaced. Crack free dash in beautiful condition. Clean title. Car looks and runs well and it's so much fun to drive, an amazing bang for your buck. 185,260 miles, so you can tell it's been reliable! Non-smoking owner. This is my 3rd Alfa Romeo; I bought another convertible with a back seat so I can pick up my kids, so this one has to go. Price reduced to \$7,500 OBO.

For any information please call or text Barry @ 425.495.9654.



**Books, badges, buttons - remaining items:** Alfa Romeo Giulietta Official workshop manual, truly used, \$10. Alfa Romeo 2000 spider showroom publ. 1978-9 \$5. Alfetta showroom publ. 1978-79 \$5. The Great Cars by Ralph Stein \$10. Classic Sports Car by Cyril Posthumus and David Hodges \$10. Sports Car Road Racing in Western Canada. Tom Johnston \$60. First edition of Weekends of Glory by Martin Rudow, \$65. Alfa Romeo, A History by Peter Hall and Roy Slater, revised Edition \$150. Illustrated Alfa Romeo Buyer's Guide by Joe Benson 1983, \$25. Automobile Year number 7 1959-1960, book jacket worn, \$50. Ferrari Caratteristiche tecniche dei motori Ferrari realizzati dal 1946 al 1985 with Ferrari Club of America Tech note 2c2, \$60. Original 1972 Ferrari Daytona steering wheel horn button, new, no box, perfect, \$300. All offers considered: I have priced these below market values to sell quickly. Patrick Meehan, text or call 253-334-0619

**FREE!!!** (I thought that might get your attention..)

(Nearly) complete collections of the following magazines:

'Alfa Owner' - March 1996 to present

'Overheard Cams' (ARA) - January 2011 to December 2014

'AlfaBits' (AROO) - May 1999 to September 2006

I will be recycling these issues unless a chapter member would like to pick them up. Delivery may be a possibility as well. Must be gone by May 9, 2017. Gordy Hyde (425) 241-9307, [gohyde@hotmail.com](mailto:gohyde@hotmail.com)

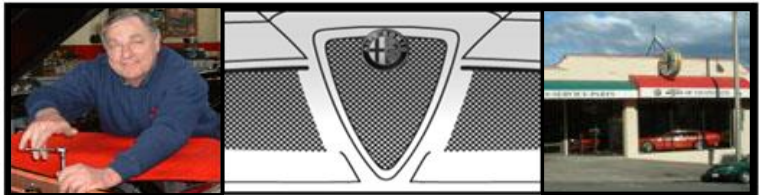


## Member Recommendations!

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

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**S&S Custom, Kenmore** - Auto Upholstery & Interiors  
**Security Safe & Lock, Inc., Bellevue** - Lock rebuilding  
**Speedometer Service, Portland** - Speedometer and tachometer repair and calibration  
**Tire Rack Internet** - Tires, wheels and parts  
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80's Spiders	Harry Reed	<a href="mailto:arspiderq@comcast.net">arspiderq@comcast.net</a>
Almost Anything!	Fred Russell	<a href="mailto:FKTMRussell@msn.com">FKTMRussell@msn.com</a>

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Do you wish to be affiliated with the local Alfa Club? Yes.... **NWARC**

Please indicate your interests:

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## 2017 Calendar of Club & Local Car Events

- April 6-8 *PIR Swap Meet - Portland International Raceway, Oregon*
- **April 11** **NWARC Meeting / Tech Session: Turbocharging - Group 2**
- April 16 *FEN All-Italian Car Show - XXX Drive-in, Issaquah*
- April 22 *MGCCNWC Tulip Rallye - Cascade Mall, Burlington, WA*
- April 29-30 *AROO Old Spider Tour - Portland to Warm Springs and back*
- May 7 *Rainier Auto Sports Club's Raindrop Rally - Chehalis, WA*
- **May 9** **NWARC Meeting / Wild About Cars Garage**
- May 11-22 *AROC Tour of Italy*
- **June 10** **NWARC Garden Tour / Heronswood**
- **June 13** **NWARC Meeting / Wild About Cars Garage**
- **June 30** **NWARC BBQ Gary & Marie Patitz Auburn, WA**
- July 13-16 *AROC / ARCC 2017 International Convention Montreal, Canada*
- **July 29** **NWARC 2017 Viva Italia Saint Edward St. Park / Kenmore**
- **August 12** **NWARC Back Roads Summer Drive**
- **August 21** **NWARC/AROO Solar Eclipse Viewing Run**
- August 27 *San Juans Concours - San Juan Vineyard, San Juan Island*
- **Sept 9-11** **NWARC 2017 Half-Fast Lap NE Oregon / Wallowa Mountains**
- **October 10** **NWARC Meeting / Wild About Cars Garage / Officer Nominations**
- **Nov 14** **NWARC Meeting / Wild About Cars Garage / Elections**
- **Nov 25** **Driving School / Pacific Raceways, Kent**
- **Dec 10** **NWARC Holiday Gala / Marianna Ristorante, Renton**

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Symbolic - a NWARC Alfa in its natural habitat - Jon Inge