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The Newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owner's Club of San Diego

July 2008





THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ALFA ROMEO
OWNER'S CLUB OF SAN DIEGO



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 7	Board Meeting 6:30 Filippi's Mira Mesa
Jul 9	Dinner and a Movie, Parioli, Solana Beach
Aug	Auction meeting 7:00 PM, Disegno Plus
Aug 15	Concorso Italiano, Marina, CA
Sep	Oktoberfest, The Garrett's
Sep 27-28	Coronado Festival of Speed, North Island
Oct 6	Board Meeting 6:30 Filippi's Mira Mesa
Oct	Little Italy Festa
Nov 10	Board Meeting 6:30 Filippi's Mira Mesa
Nov	Hollfelder Collection Tour, Covina, CA
Dec	Christmas Party, The Hertings, Fallbrook



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My apologies to the membership for the delays in the newsletter and for its absence last month. We were busy trying to get more members interested in the Nethercutt Museum tour, which we were not able to do and it was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of interest. We couldn't get 20 members to committ to attend. Maybe next year.

By the time you read this, the national convention in Chicago will have come and gone. Hopefully you read about the issues in the Alfa Owner.

This month's meeting will be held at Parioli Italian Bistro in Solana Beach. Members who attended last year's Dinner and a Movie night will remember what an excellent time we had. This year's movie, by popular demand will be "The Italian Job". This is the original release with Michael Caine and Noel Coward.

In August we will be having the annual Auction meeting at Rita Monares' new Disegno Plus in Little Italy. Dig out those Alfa related / car related items that you want to pass along to another member.

Ciao!

Lance
Il Presidente



The reports on the Interweb are pointing to an even newer model Mito. TopGear in the UK report that the new Mito, slated to be released in 2009 to compete with the Mini, will be badged with the venerable GTA designation. It will have a gasoline powered 1750cc direct injection, variable timing engine capable of 230HP. The Mito is not much bigger than the Mini, so that much horsepower in a small package makes the Cooper S package with or 175HP seem rather anemic, no?

The entire Alfa line is composed of 10 basic models -- the Mito, the 147 3-door, 147 5-door, 159, 159 Sportwagon, GT, Brera, Spider, 8C Competizione, ar the 8C Competizione Spider. You can see pictures and videos at <http://www.alfaromeo.com>.



We want to hear from you! Submit your experiences, stories, and/or musings for print in the AROCSD newsletter. Please forward content to ajdong@cox.net.



**Pacific Southwest Railway Museum,
Campo Facility and the Dulzura Café
Sunday, May 18, 2008**



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From the Desk in the Garage



Rally Memories

For those of you old enough to remember when roads were not as overcrowded as they are now, I offer this glimpse into the past.

On returning to the island of Oahu from a six months deployment to the Aleutian Islands, I stashed my gear and hopped on a bus for the town of Honolulu to find a "Sports Car" lot. I was going to buy myself a Jaguar. I had been reading about them and had seen my first one in a little one-car showroom west of Albuquerque in 1953. As we, the salesman and I, were walking thru the Jaguars he had, I remarked about how much money I had to spend. He made a slight turn and led me over to the MG's he had for sale. Seems that the amount of money I had was quite insufficient for owning a Jaguar. So I left there driving a 1952 MG TD.

The next week I was introduced to another shipmate that also owned a MG TD.

As we met other shipmates that owned sports cars, we decided to start a car club, which we named the "Armed Forces Foreign Car Club. The "AFFCC" was limited to only those who owned a foreign car. Corvettes and Thunderbirds were excluded.

We had meetings, drives and then got into "Rallies" We generally had some sort of a theme to each rally. This one particular time, we had emphasized the point of each of us helping the other. We laid out a very nice rally run and at one of the checkpoints, the participant were handed a raw egg and told that they were to return the egg at the next check point, but that the egg would have to be boiled, not still raw. There were many concerned looks on the drivers faces. One Porsche driver jumped out of his car and gently laid the egg on his cylinder head. Another starting trying to get some water out of his radiator to put the egg in. What no one knew was that we had stationed a nice looking girl driving a TD, parked off the side of the road, on a jack with one wheel off. In the passenger seat was a box of boiled eggs to exchange with the person or persons stopping to offer help!!!

With all our talks about people helping people at the last meeting, not one driver stopped to help and get a boiled egg in exchange.



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