



The newsletter of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club, enhancing the experience of owning and driving Alfa Romeos while increasing awareness of the marque's heritage and the unique soul of its cars.

Splashing Through School! A Great Track Day in Perfect Learning Weather!

One of the most satisfying things we do as a Chapter is run two Driving Skills Schools a year, to help people become more familiar with how their cars behave in emergency driving situations before they're faced with them in the real world.

This is especially helpful for new drivers, typically teens still coming to grips with their first car, and it's immensely rewarding to see them gain knowledge and confidence as we guide them through the various exercises – slalom, emergency braking, handling oval and skid pad.

And what better opportunity to tackle a skid pad than on a cold, wet – occasionally snowy – March morning? The weather gods came through with all that in fine style for our first such event this year, on March 3 at Pacific Raceways in Kent, WA. Stalwart volunteers

manned the events, resetting cones, working signal flags and providing patient guidance to their pupils – not to mention also providing them with coffee, donuts and hand-warmers!

The point is to bring what you drive and learn how that particular car behaves, and we had everything from a Cadillac to an Audi e-tron, from a classic (and immaculate) Alfa Junior Z to family SUVs and minivans. Smile as you had to when the Caddy swayed through the slalom course, but its driver cared



enough to find out for himself just what it would - and could - do.

Other lessons learned included a Giulia Quad driver who discovered that summer tires aren't at their best on a cold, wet track, and that traction control devices really do



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Become a Club member!

If you're not already a member, why not join us and enjoy all the benefits while supporting the club? You can see how much fun we have and what a great range of activities we put on - and we're friendly, too!

Sign up at www.aroc-usa.org

Just \$68/yr! When asked if you'd like to affiliate with a local chapter, remember to select **NWARC**.

Thank you for being part of the Alfa family!

Pride in the Club

Back in the old days, the summer months were the busy ones, and the winter was the off season for NW Alfa Romeo club. Clearly we didn't get that memo, since March has been a busy month with a myriad of activities and events to choose from.

Though I saw many members attending, I am always amazed at how many didn't attend. With all the effort the volunteers put in to create great events, if you aren't attending, I'm curious why? 'Too busy' is not the reason since all of us are busy and we all have the same clock. Are we just not giving you enough time to plan? Are we not describing the event well enough or is our newsletter, Facebook, website, or e-mail missing the target? What events do you want to attend?

If you know people in the club, that seems like a good excuse to join an event with friends. If you don't know anyone, that seems like a good excuse to attend and make new friends. If you don't have an Alfa or yours isn't running, that's not an issue as many attendees show up in lesser cars like Porsche, Toyota, Ferrari, Renault, or Mazda.

We do numerous drives. We have dinner gatherings in different places and styles. We have museum tours and shop visits. We enjoy BBQs, driving schools, and lapping days on track. Bowling days as well as dinner-and-a-movie are part of our offerings. We celebrated great women in motorsport, as well as the passing of a club member. Of course, there are car shows as well.

I really want to see every member attending at least some of the events. I know timing can get in the way of some, and interest gets in the way of others, but I need you to **tell me what we need to do to see your face at an upcoming event!**

Speaking of members, as we near our 60th year of being a club we are seeing a fun surge of new people joining. I like it, and though there is no prize for being a member, there is a new member welcome kit. I gave one away at our dinner gathering at Emory's a few days ago. I'll get a bunch more ready and make sure they get into the hands of our newer members. Free t-shirt, Hot Wheels Alfas, water bottle, magazines, history info, stickers, car wash... the only things we didn't include are a toaster and race helmet.

Generosity is key. In addition to our annual giving of scholarship money to Lake Washington Institute of Technology and Renton Technical College, we also donate the proceeds

from everyone's generosity at the auction table during our Festa gathering. Between donated items and competitive bidding, we raised \$2,153 in total. We took input for who to gift this money to, and we opted for a suggestion from a member of putting it to good local use. In that spirit, the money went to **Hospitality House**, a Burien-based non-profit working to help women out of homelessness.

From their info... *"While there are many reasons for homelessness, one encouraging note is that the condition of homelessness is usually temporary. Almost 80% of people who fall homeless are able to find shelters, adequate affordable housing or other permanent residence within 3 months. Hospitality House was opened to help fill this need in October 2000.*

People from the community came together with the help of twelve churches in the area to establish this shelter at Lake Burien Presbyterian Church for single women experiencing homelessness. Hospitality House's 90-day program lays the foundation for empowerment and success for a better future.

It all begins with meeting the basic needs of clients (residents) – a bed, a hot meal, and a safe, stable environment. Our home-like atmosphere combined with a new sense of security affords clients the opportunity to look beyond their current circumstances to

their future. Each client's objective is to find permanent housing and financial stability, but how this is achieved is based upon the needs of the individual. Case managers support clients throughout the program as we believe that case management is the underpinning of our client's future and an integral piece of our program. Our clients are given the tools and the blueprints necessary to build their own futures; we help to implement the pouring of the foundation."

I am always very proud of the efforts made by the members of this club. The events, life-saving schools, suggestions, donations... We are a great addition to the car community as well as the human community. I'm willing to bet you're all proud as well.

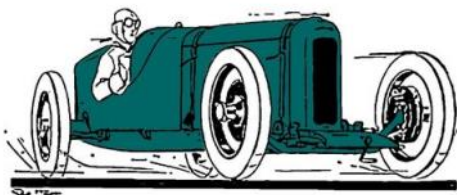
- Fred Russell 



Next Club Meetings

April 6 (Sat)

NW Vintage and Classic, Puyallup



the fun!

Northwest Vintage and Classic

11203 Benston Drive East, Suite 500

Puyallup, WA 98372

Meet there at 9:15 am for a 9:30 am start; we should be all done by 11:30 am, after which we'll retreat to a local hostelry for lunch.

- Jon Inge 🇺🇸



We have another treat in store for the April Club Meeting: a tour of Northwest Vintage and Classic's shop in Enumclaw!

Many of us will know this location as what used to be Butch Dennison's operation before he retired, and new owner Mike Velsher, who will be conducting the tour, has carried things forward in fine style! We can look forward to a feast of interesting cars and projects of all types. Come on down and join

May 11 (Sat)

Seven Lakes Motorsports, Arlington

For the May club meeting, we'll take a short drive to Seven Lakes Motor Sports in Arlington, where owner Mark Glenwood will give us a tour of the facilities and explain their services and process.

Mark is a renowned Ferrari technician, but the shop also caters to Alfa Romeo, Maserati, and Lamborghini.

The plan is to meet at the Starbucks at **1330 164th St. SW, Lynwood, WA 98087** at 9:30 am for a 10 am departure. We'll then take an enjoyable backroads drive north, with a planned arrival at Seven Lakes Motor Sports at 11 am. If you can't join the drive, please meet us at the shop at 11; it's located behind Mark's home. There'll be an optional



lunch nearby after the meeting and tour.

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- Fred Russell 🇺🇸

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Splashing Through School - *continued*



work! The Junior Z driver proved that classic Alfas don't melt in the rain, and can put a huge grin on your face in any weather; the driver of a Datsun 510 wagon showed that you can make a fun track car from the most humble origins. Especially if you equip it with a Nissan V6 converted from fuel injection to a Holley carburetor, and add the brakes, front suspension and 5-speed transmission from a 280Z!



Few cones were sacrificed in the course of the training exercises, and the enthusiastic students received their certificates with pride.

After lunch those who wanted to also had the chance for some parade laps around the circuit,

to get a feel for what it might be like at higher speeds, while more experienced lappers gradually built up speed as the track (sort of) dried off.

Huge thanks to all the many volunteers who braved the elements to put on a very successful and rewarding day. It might have been cold and wet, but everyone left with a glow!

- article and photos by Jon Inge 🇩🇪



The Real Dirt about Women

Mix the ingredients of dirt, rain, snow, and rally cars and you get awesome. Top that off with a dose of history, legends, and some great stories of challenge and achievement over fear or competition, and it's a glorious treat.



Dan O'Connell

That's exactly what we found at DirtFish, in the town of Snoqualmie on the morning of March 2. Josie Rimmer and her team at DirtFish Rally School, hosted their annual Women in Motorsports Summit that brings some of the top women within the motorsport industry to the area to share stories and advice.

"We know the importance of this..." says Josie Rimmer, "every time a young person asks, 'Girls can do this too?'"

We joined this event as a club with a drive and a group attendance. Karen James offered to lead the drive as we gathered on the chilly morning at a Starbucks in Issaquah. After gathering a few smiling familiar faces we headed to our cars around 9 AM and jumped onto I-90 for a quick 4 mile run east toward Preston. From there our 44 mile route twisted along the shore of the Raging River on its way to join the Snoqualmie River. At Fall City, we turned away from our destination so we could enjoy some of the great farm roads that guide us across the valley floor before winding over a ridge or two, past Snoqualmie Falls, around the Mill Pond, and into DirtFish.



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The large tent held around 350 people, all focused on the panelists up front. The drawing power of Pernilla Solberg, Becs Williams and Michele Mouton was outstanding. They shared fun stories of racing and the race industry bringing insight to the challenges and triumphs within their world.

When asked how one of the greatest rally drivers of all time got started at age 22, Michele Mouton replied about being a navigator; "I wasn't impressed by my driver and thought, it looks easy."



Kenny Heng

Wanting her to have a good chance to prove herself, Michele's father bought her a Renault Alpine and funded her first rally season. She did well and over a couple (continued on page 6)

The Real Dirt about Women - continued



years got the attention of Audi Sport, who signed her to their World Rally Championship team to drive the new Quattro for the 1981 season with Fabrizia Pons as navigator. Battling the cars, roads, and officials through the season, Michele drove to victory at the Rallye SanRemo marking the first WRC win by a woman. After her taste of victory, she really focused on being the best. Not the best woman. Simply the best ever.

Audi Sport sat down with her to negotiate the next year's contract. The Audi rep said he didn't like to negotiate on money. "No need to negotiate. Simply double it," offered Michele, as she knew her value. The rep didn't argue.

By 1983, rallying entered the Group B era, the most dangerous time for rally racing thanks to the power (450bhp!) and speed the cars were capable of hitting. On dirt. Combine this with massive crowds and a lack of crowd control and you have a recipe for disaster, and Group B was eventually cancelled after several fatal accidents. Nevertheless, it produced some legendarily fearsome cars like the Renault R5 Turbo, Peugeot 205 T16, Lancia 037, MG 6R4, Lancia Delta S4, Porsche 959, and the Audi Quattro. Though not as popular in North America the series was huge in Europe, and thanks to DirtFish samples of many of these awesome cars were on display for us to enjoy between talks.

The other panelists included Becs Williams who has been the media face and brains of pro rallying in the world for over 20 years. She had zero interest in being the best woman sports commentator; she simply wanted to be the best sports



commentator. Pernilla Solberg grew up in Sweden where rally racing was huge. Motivated by Michele Mouton's success, and encouraged by her parents, she became a great driver, mechanic, and team manager. A second panel discussion included Michele Abbate, who races in

the US Touring Car Championship, and Vanessa Ruck who races motorcycles as well as helps as a motivational speaker. Lastly, Jinda Erbacher shared stories about her life and driving a 10,000 bhp drag race car.

As the Alfa club, we enjoyed the event but with so many people in the crowd we rarely saw each other. Our host, Josie, served as emcee, keeping the event flowing smoothly.

The great take-away was that when we remove restrictions, it's amazing what people can do. This isn't a male or female thing, it's a human ability. Each of these people spoke about their challenges, but each talked of the confidence and determination they acquired from seeing others achieve, or getting support from heroes like friends and family.

Be that hero or shero when you get that chance.

- Fred Russell 🇺🇸



Breakfast with Jon

Oh, that Fred Russell really is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get. But whatever it is, it's always good.

On March 17 a group of 30 NWARC members and guests enjoyed a special treat provided by Fred and Jon Shirley. Our club knows Jon as a valued member, of course, but also for having one of the most prestigious car collections in the world, a collection that Jon has generously shared with us during numerous open houses. As the caretaker of that collection Fred often shows up for club events in a stunning ride, courtesy of his mandate to exercise individual vehicles occasionally to make sure they remain roadworthy.

The savvy career decisions that enabled Jon Shirley to indulge his automotive passions also allowed him and his late wife Mary to pursue their interests in art to perhaps an even greater degree. In fact, he bought his first collector Ferrari the same year they acquired their first Calder piece!

Jon joined us in the SAM boardroom on Sunday morning to share the story behind this incredible gift to the museum, recently installed in a spacious 2-story galley at the downtown branch. Jon's second wife Kim, a long time SAM trustee, shares her husband's philanthropic commitment and was instrumental in bringing the Calder exhibit to fruition.

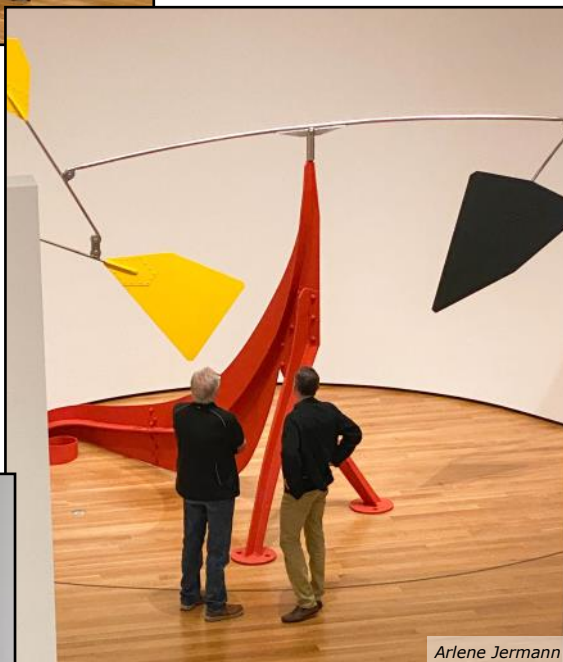


In 1998, after amassing an impressive and diverse collection of art, the Shirleys decided to focus on acquiring a targeted museum-level collection that could eventually become a permanent destination exhibit for the Seattle Art Museum. They fairly quickly settled on expanding upon their beloved collection of works by the American artist Alexander Calder.

Once that decision was made, they trekked to several Calder collections around the world, visited galleries that represented works by the artist and became acquainted with the artist's grandson, who runs the Calder Foundation. Word got out and Jon became a

preferred contact when Calder pieces became available.

As well as being an avid art collector, Jon also served on the board of the Seattle Art Museum for many years. He was the board chair when the Russell Investment company offered to buy SAM's downtown block in exchange for build-

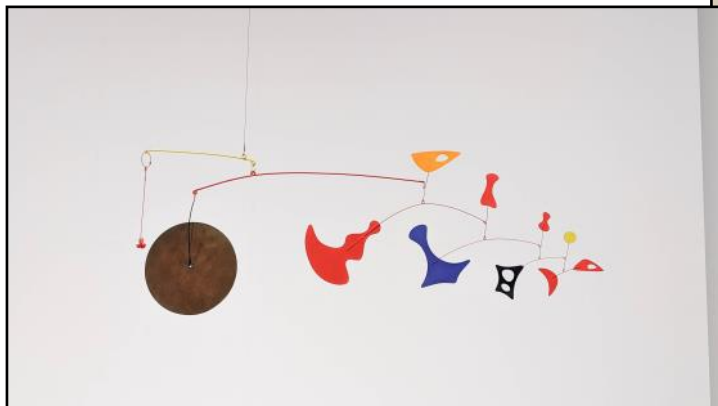


Arlene Jermann

ing several floors for the museum at the base of their new tower, and developing the Venturi Scott Brown-designed addition.

As if that wasn't enough, at the same time Jon spearheaded the development of the museum's Olympic Sculpture Park.

The Shirleys provided the seed money *(continued on page 8)*



Breakfast with Jon - *continued*

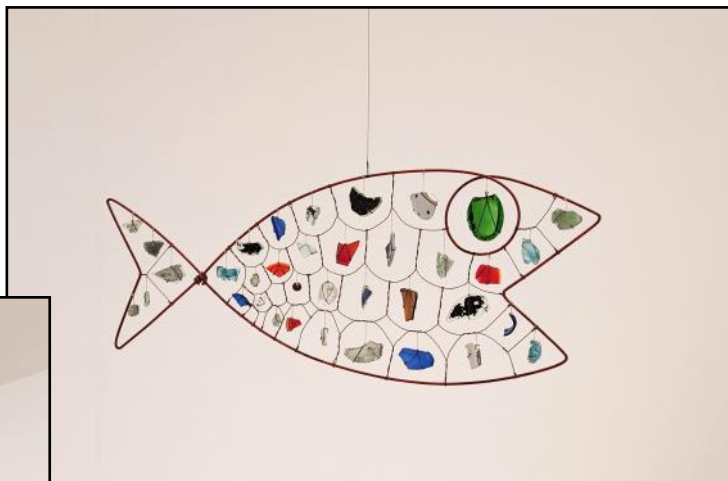
to purchase the old Unocal property north of Pier 70 and sweetened the deal by gifting several large art pieces, including Calder's sculpture "The Eagle". The timing proved fortuitous in one aspect; the material excavated for the tower foundation and parking garage downtown was used to fill and grade the sculpture park site, saving the projects several hundred thousand dollars in dirt management.

After the private talk Jon led us through the new "Calder: In Motion" exhibit at the museum, sharing personal anecdotes about many of the pieces; where he found them, how they fit into the arc of the artist's life, what it took to transport and install them, and so on.

Many of us were familiar with Calder's work in general and have seen photos of some of the more well-known pieces before, but there's something utterly

absorbing about seeing them in real life. The mobiles are so exquisitely balanced that they freely rotate with only the light air movement from the museum's standard a/c system; they're different every time you look at them. The shadow play from

the cleverly lighted pieces is as fascinating as the art work itself, and Jon



explained that this was a big part of the artist's intent and a focus of the museum staff as they designed the exhibit.

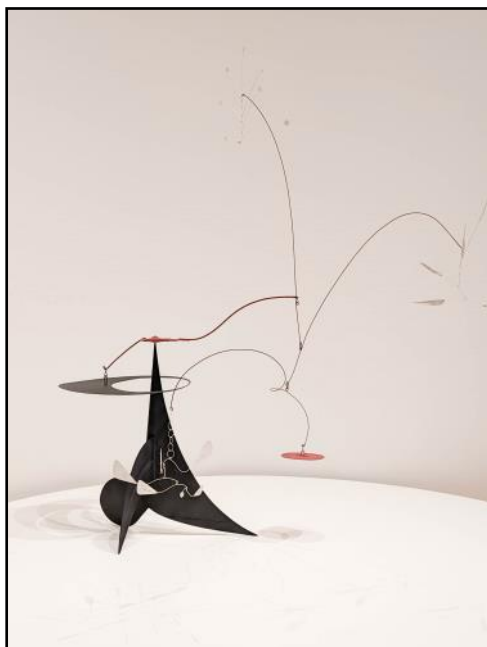
Calder created more than mobiles, of course, as witness "The Eagle" on Seattle's waterfront and several other static pieces. New to many of us, though, were his small works, only a few inches high, and his ability to capture the essence of a human or an animal with a single piece of wire.



Jon was a fascinating and gracious host. It was an absolute delight to listen to him talk about an artist so close to his heart, and how meaningful it is for him to open this exhibit now as a significant contribution to the puzzle of revitalizing the downtown core of the city he loves.

- Dan Jardine

Photos by Jon Inge except where noted



Spring is in the Air!

Pulling into the parking lot in the Newcastle area, from the sheer variety of cars present you know you are at the start of the Spring Drive hosted by Paul Melrose with the NW Citroën Owners Club! Paul has done a great job with this event for many years and always invites a huge variety of participants; this year's run on March 24 was no exception.

In addition to Citroëns, you can easily spot MG, Renault, Porsche, Fiat, Ferrari, BMW, Ford, Nissan, Viper, Acura, Mercedes and Alfa Romeos. In fact, with the

great turn out from the NWARC there were more Alfa Romeos than any other marque, plus a few NWARC members who were driving non-Alfas on this day. The crowd assembled for the route directions, accessing the Rallista app and even a poetry reading before we headed out.

The route followed the twisty roads that take us out near Cougar Mountain, then south toward Maple Valley and Kanaskat before turning back through Ravensdale on our way to Black Diamond. The bakery is always a great excuse to stop for a coffee and treat, though mostly the stop is just a chance to socialize and look over the cars.

With the great weather it was tough to get people back into their cars but Paul was eventually able to,



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and the line of cars headed out for part 2 of the drive. Wandering the back road across the one lane bridge over the Green River Gorge, we then passed through the tiny town of Cumberland. Originally a mining town, it is bare-



Kenny Heng



Fred Russell

more than a speck on the map we pass through on our way to the Thunder Dome Car Museum in Enumclaw.

It is rumored that the name Enumclaw means "Thundering Noise", based on native tales of the sound coming from a lava cone we now call

Enumclaw Mountain. The museum could also generate thundering noise on its own since it's filled with a bunch of amazing custom

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Spring Drive - continued

hot rod and muscle cars, many of them with far more engine than anything else! Shelby Mustangs, custom T-Buckets, tiny old Fiats, motorcycles, drag race Camaros, 2 Ford GTs and much more. People wandered the inside as well as the stunning parking lot with all the wonderful cars on the drive.

As people's hunger got to them, many folks headed to one



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Fred Russell

of the numerous local cafes, breweries, or restaurants for a casual sit down before heading home. Many thanks to Paul for another great run; it was a wonderful way to spend a beautiful sunny Spring Sunday!

- Fred Russell 🏁



Fred Russell

Dinner and a Movie

Our NWARC gathering on March 20th was a classic dinner-and-a-movie event - Italian style!

The entertaining evening started off with a strong showing of Alfisti at Olympia Pizza on Queen Anne for a pre-movie gathering. As my wife Diana and I made our way up Queen Anne Ave, a brilliant Giulia Ti Sport in Alfa Rosso, along with several other Alfas sprinkled along the street, assured us that we had arrived at the right place.

The food was good with a variety of really tasty pizzas, and the restaurant staff was very efficient in getting us out the door in time to drive down the hill and find parking for the movie.

The movie, *Il Sorpasso* (literally "The Overtaking", but sometimes translated as "The Easy Life"), was a classic 1960's Italian film that really launched the "buddy road trip" genre. It featured a serious young law student who is persuaded by a man with over-the-top bravado to join him in driving his Lancia Aurelia B24 around 1960's Rome and the surrounding towns, blasting its obnoxiously flamboyant horn every time he passed



a car - which happened a lot! It was fun to see footage of Rome empty of its usual tourists, and it appeared that much of the spirited driving maneuvers were performed by the actor himself rather than having a stunt driver. There were also several scenes where the main character made a point of complaining about having to do roadside repairs, such as changing out a spark plug and replacing an exhaust hose.

It's quite a ride as the duo drives into the country and out to the coast, having outrageous adventures along the way, with a great deal of comedy in the dialog - until it all ends in tragedy.

Many of the astute Alfa members were able to appreciate other vintage Italian cars in the movie, as well as a very nice Jaguar Mk. II. While the scenery, cars and people were beautiful, the movie was more about the characters and their emotions, which made it a great movie choice for fans of a car manufacturer whose motto is "La meccanica delle emozioni". Viva Alfa Romeo!

- Sandro Kodama 🇮🇹

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SPICA Today

One of the more intriguing aspects of our classic Alfas has, to me, always been their SPICA mechanical fuel injection system.

Introduced in 1969 to comply with the USA's latest emissions regulations, it was fitted only to Alfas, and almost exclusively only to Alfas sent to the USA.

Fuel injection wasn't a new concept; it was first patented in 1872, Rudolf Diesel adapted it for his diesel engine in 1894 and most aero engines during WW2 were injected. All these were mechanical systems and their potential for generating higher performance through better fuel atomization and more precise delivery also led to their use in racing cars (Mercedes-Benz, Corvettes, Alfas) and high-end road cars (MB again, Maserati, high-end BMW 2002s and Porsche 911s).

Introducing them to a full range of road cars, however, meant also exposing them to the full range of auto technicians across the country. It wasn't that the SPICA system was complex - so are carburetors - but that it was different. It developed a reputation for being finicky and unreliable, but that was almost entirely due to it being maladjusted by well-meaning but inexperi-

enced technicians.

Its principal drawback was that, as a precision device made of very high-quality materials and built to very exacting standards, it was expensive to manufacture, and when electrically-controlled systems became available at lower cost, Alfa quickly adopted them.



So when I came across Harry White's 1975 Spider at the AROC Winter Retreat in February, I was intrigued to see that it had a much more modern Alfa Twin Spark engine fitted, but with a SPICA system replacing its standard electronic injection! Could it be that SPICA still had advantages today?

This of course led me to talk to Wes Ingram, who'd done the conversion, and I began to learn more about these fascinating devices. I'll cover our discussions in future articles, but for now I'll just quote Wes: "After restoring over 4,000 Spica pumps we have learned so much, and we now find that they are far better than anyone ever realized when they were presented to America in 1969." More next month.

- Jon Inge 🇬🇧

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St. Patrick's Day

The annual St. Patty's Day celebration hosted by Alfa Club members Joe and Lynn Faherty at their new home in La Connor was held on March 23. While short on Alfa Club members this year there was no shortage of Soda bread, Irish stew, and Joe's famous Fish pie.

There was also a chance to meet a new community of La Connor friends and a chance to catch up with old Alfa friends. Joe and Lynn are enjoying their new home, new friends and being close to their family in La Connor!

- Debi Schmid 🍀



Rico Chiarelli

The Pacific Northwest Ballet hosted a Celebration of Life for Alfa Club member Rico Chiarelli on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

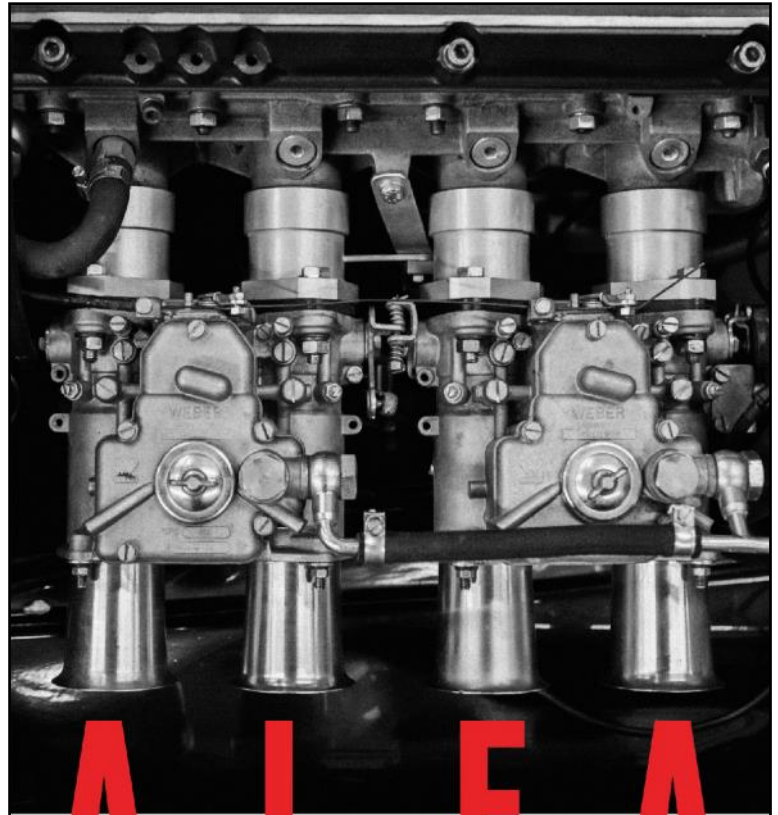
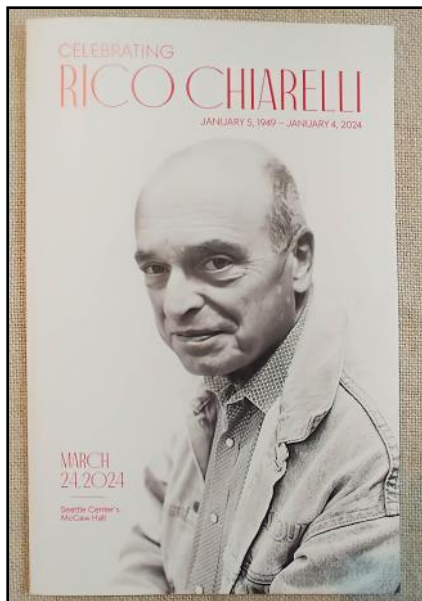
Many of our club members remember being with Rico at driving schools and most recently when he was restoring his GTV. Many of us knew that he worked at PNB but probably didn't understand the depth of his contributions to the organization. He met Kent Stowell and Franca Russell in 1977 and his legacy began. The Celebration reflected the great esteem in which they held him, with performances by the principal dancers, the PNB Orchestra and remarks from leaders of the organization.

Everyone had lots of stories about Rico. They shared that he was incorrigible and hilarious, a loyal friend, faithful mentor, and one-of-a-kind artist. As he used to say, "My name ends in an "I", because "I" know someone for that". His can-do spirit will be missed.

An endowed fund supporting the PNB Orchestra has been established in Rico's name.

Learn more at: bit.ly/RicoEndowment.

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Upcoming Events

We don't hear as much about Covid-19 today as we have for the past few years. You'd think it was gone, and in many ways it is.

Thanks to improved access to vaccines and boosters, less fears and rhetoric about vaccines, and even improved treatment options, the survivability of Covid-19 is even higher than some examples of the flu.

However, it is still an issue, and much like other infectious diseases it can have a lasting impact on some of us.

Be Safe!

If you feel sick or have any possible symptoms, no matter the cause, please avoid club gatherings for your safety as well as others'.

When you're sick, that's when sharing is not caring. Respect others by showing caution, and respect their right to mask up.

Thank you and keep being safe while we enjoy the events of 2024!

- Fred Russell 🇺🇸

April

MG Car Club's Tulip Rallye, Mount Vernon

Saturday
20

Always a fun start to the season, the MG Car Club's Tulip Rallye returns on April 20, starting this year in the car park of the Walmart SuperCenter just south of the river in Mount Vernon, off exit 227 from I-5.

The number and variety of cars at this event is always amazing, from Rolls-Royces to Citroëns, MGs to DeLoreans; you never know what will show up! The Rallye route instructions take you around the tulip fields of the Skagit Valley and surrounding area, while keeping your eyes very open to answer a series of gimmick questions about what you see on the way. Accurate timing and average speed maintenance are not required, but a sense of humor is a definite asset!

Pre-registration will be \$20 for the event and \$30 for day of the show; please contribute \$5 towards Food Lifeline during their registration process. Registration is now open online at mgccnwc.com/tulip-rallye/

Check-in starts at 8:00 am, the drivers' meeting is at 9:30 am and the first car goes out shortly afterwards. Be there!

- Jon Inge 🇺🇸



May

Twilight Lapping, Pacific Raceways

Wednesday
15

Twilight Lapping, a full evening of High-Speed lapping! As usual we'll be

running separate groups depending on car and driver skill and ability. Previous sport (track) driving and HPDE experience is a prerequisite for this event.

Check-in: Begins at 4:00am

Mandatory Drivers Meeting: 4:40pm



Open track: 5pm - 9 pm, or dusk!
Registration Fee: \$195 per driver

Guaranteed fun! Details & reg at msreg.com.

- Corsa Committee

NWARC.Corsa@gmail.com 🇺🇸

May

AROO Old Spider Tour, Oregon

Saturday
18

This year, the 46th anniversary of Oregon's "Old Spider Tour," also marks the 70th Anniversary of the Giulietta, so let's make it a

huge turn-out!

We invite all 750 and 101 Alfa Owners to join us on May 18th for a one-day Driving Celebration Tour to the Oregon Coast. All other Alfas of any age will be welcome to tour along to join the celebration, but Old Spiders will lead the way.

Marian and I participated in the first tour 45 years ago in our '63 Spider. We will mark the 46th-anniversary tour by leading it in our '60 Spider Veloce, and with luck we'll be joined by a record number of Old Spiders



and 750 and 101 Giuliettas on our drive. There are enough 750 and 101 cars in Oregon, Washington, and California to make it happen, if we can get them all to show up!

AROO's Old Spider Tour #46 will start at 9:30 AM, May 18, 2024, in the West Parking lot of the Santiam River Rest Area off of I-5 South of Salem, Oregon. It will finish late in the afternoon on the Central Oregon Coast.

To Register for this event, send an email to Bill Gillham at bill.gillham@alfaclub.org.

Regardless of what Alfa you drive, this is one of the 'don't miss' driving events of the Spring. Come and join us!

- Bill Gilham 🇺🇸

Upcoming Events - continued

May

Italian Car Show, Carillon Point, Kirkland

Sunday
19

Carillon Point in Kirkland will be the place to be on Sunday, May 19th if you like Italian cars! Which, of course, you do.

Tom Fathi's Northwest Exotics is an invitation-only exotics and classics car show hosted right on the shores of Lake Washington at Carillon Point in Kirkland. Their first event of this year will be on Sunday, May 19th from 9:30-11:30am, on the main surface parking lot at Carillon Point. It's free to the public; there's a Starbucks and multiple restaurants



on the property that attendees can enjoy while at the show,

Tom promises a nice mix of some older but mostly newer cars.

Though he is inviting the select list of cars, you may be able to add your own Italian flair to the show by reaching out to him at 206-303-7626 or nwexoticscar-show@gmail.com.

The timing of the show allows you to enjoy the cars and still tackle all your other chores in the afternoon. See you on May 19th!

- Fred Russell 🇺🇸

June

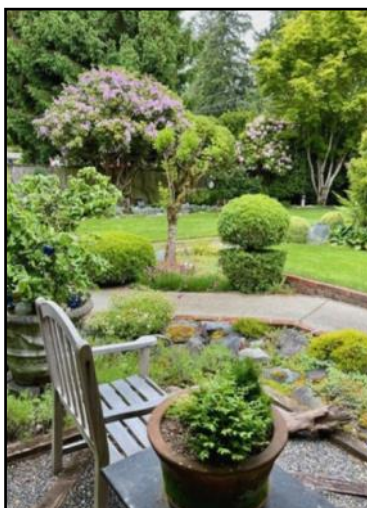
NWARC Garden Tour, University Place, Tacoma

Saturday
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This year we'll join in the University Place Garden Tour on June 8; University Place is west of Tacoma.

We'll meet at 10:00 am at the Curran House & Museum, 4009 Curran Lane, University Place 98466. The Tour guides us to six lovely gardens, with a variety of presentations including lovely views, landscaping, art work, containers, and plant collections. Enjoy a collection of species Rhododendrons, bask in beautiful sound views, experience how native plants can add to your garden, see how using containers can accent your garden, and get ideas to add for your own garden.

I recommend spending about 2.5 hrs for the tour; we can tour as a group or go on your own. All gardens are within 5 miles of each other; the actual addresses are only made available on the day of the tour, but I happen to know most of them



and you won't be disappointed.

I will plan a late lunch location following the tour.

To order tickets for \$20.00 each at uphistoricalsociety.org before May 1; these pre-ordered tickets will be available at Will Call at the Curran House.

After May 1, tickets will be \$25.00 and will be available online or, on the day of the tour, at the Curran House.

This tour benefits the restoration of the Curran House & Museum. Recognized as a fine example of Modernism, the house was designed by Tacoma's Robert Billsbrough Price, and exhibits advances in building materials in

the post-World War II era.

Please RSVP to me at debischmid@yahoo.com once you have your tickets so I can get a head count.

- Debi Schmid 🇺🇸

June

NWARC Historics BBQ, Auburn

Saturday
29

Once again Gary and Marie Patitz are inviting NWARC members to their lovely home in Auburn for the annual club BBQ!

Held on the Saturday of SOVREN's Northwest Historic races at Pacific Raceways, this is always a great social event and the perfect way to end a day of race-going! The Patitz' house is in a wooded valley only a mile from the track, and Gary will be more than happy to guide you through his collection of Alfas, as well as his amazing collection of automobilia and old radios and TVs. Proceedings start around 3 pm.

13412 SE 301st St, Auburn, WA 98092

- Jon Inge 🇺🇸



Like to Spend Time at the Track?

The Corsa Committee is seeking volunteers!

We have the opportunity to add a few members to our team to help put on wonderful track events this season. Whether you'd like to help with registration, in the paddock or at track entry, we can use your help! On-the-job training provided, of course.

The pay is rich... with the sound of cars at speed, and the benefit of all the happy smiles of people who appreciate your efforts! Along with a sandwich, snacks and good friends.

Be a part of the fastest part of the club!

Contact Fred Wright at 360-628-1545
or by email at nwarc.corsa@gmail.com



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Contact Fred Schueddekopp for more pictures and details.
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Membership Update

Anniversaries

Congratulations on all this month's Anniversaries!

David Sablan - 43 years

Gene Pavola - 42 years

Phil Edwards & Cheryl Braden-Edwards - 34 years

Scott Griebel - 32 years

Bruce & Cindy McKean - 31 years

Carl Freund - 19 years

L. Robert George - 14 years

Charles Rancatti - 11 years

David Handa - 7 years

John Lueders - 6 years

Jason Hogg - 3 years

Patrick Olsen - 3 years

May Chau - 1 year

Ryan Clark - 1 year

Kristi Ely - 1 year

Gregory Massa - 1 year

Anthony Rossano - 1 year

Paul Tedrow - 1 year

Ken Van Eyk - 1 year



New Members

We have five new members this month! Please welcome:

- **Alex Sargeant**, from Mill Creek

- **Oriol Machin**, from Kent

- **Alexander Miller**, from Redmond, and

- **Bonnie and Jeff Howland**, from Ridgefield.

Welcome! We're so glad to have you with us.

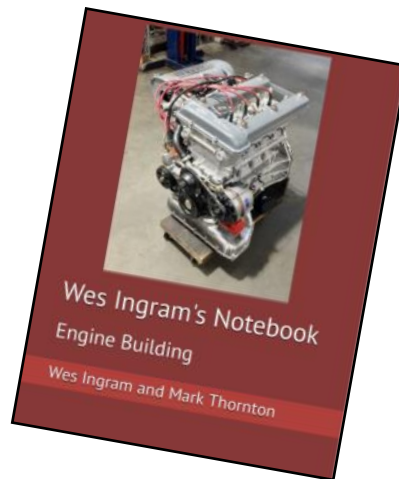
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A-Plus Auto Glass, Whidbey Island - Windshield replacement

Convertibles Only - Convertible top repair/replacement

Discount Tire, Shoreline - Tire mounting/balancing

Eastside Auto Salon - Scratch repair, detailing

Haury's Lake City Collision - Collision repair

Ingram Enterprises - Service, engine/tranny rebuilds

Pavel Kleyner, pavel@kleynerlaw.com - Ticket Lawyer

Prova Motorsports, Seattle - Service, engine/tranny rebuilds

Queen City Auto Rebuild - Collision repair

Safelite Auto Glass, Everett - Windshield Replacement

Safelite Auto Glass, Bellevue - new Giulia windshields


Sound Wheel Works, Bellevue - Wheel repair

Sports Car Shop, Kent - Service, engine/tranny rebuilds

Tire Rack/Internet - Tires, wheels and parts

Vortex Radar - Radar Detector/Dash Cam advice

All the above providers have been recommended within the last 3 years by one or more club members as being highly satisfactory, but are not specifically endorsed by NWARC.



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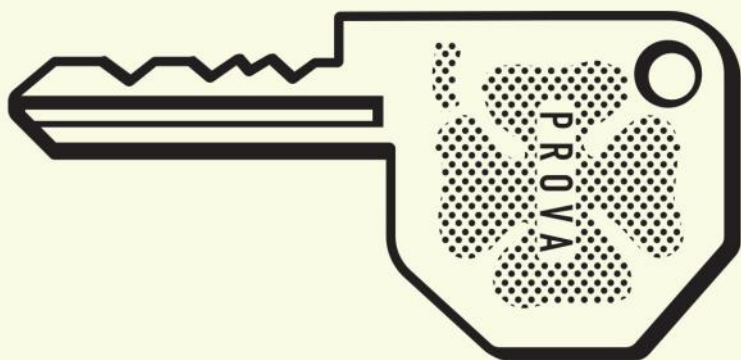


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2024 Calendar of Club & Local Car Events

- **April 6** ***NWARC Club Shop Visit / Vintage & Classic, Enumclaw***
- **April 20** ***MGCCNW Tulip Rallye / Burlington***
- **May 15** ***Twilight Lapping / Pacific Raceways, Kent***
- **May 18** ***AROO Old Spider Tour / Oregon***
- **May 19** ***Italian Car Show / Carillon Point, Kirkland***
- **June 8** ***NWARC Garden Tour / Tacoma***
- **June 19** ***Twilight Lapping / Pacific Raceways, Kent***
- **June 28-30** ***SOVREN Historics / Pacific Raceways***
- **June 29** ***NWARC Club BBQ / Gary & Marie Patitz' home, Auburn***
- **Aug 14** ***Twilight Lapping / Pacific Raceways, Kent***
- **Nov 10** ***Driver's School/Car Control Clinic / Pacific Raceways, Kent***



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