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## Alfa Potlatch Explained

BY GORDY HYDE

*The following is excerpted from the presentation we made to the AROC board at the Giulietta Giubilee last year in New Hampshire. It became part of our marketing plan and the basis for our convention planning efforts. I have deleted many of the details...*

What is the AROC National Convention?

The Alfa Romeo Owners Club has held an annual meeting since the club's inception in 1958. In the early years the meeting was usually in Chicago in February or March and included a speaker and a few race cars on display. In 1969 the meeting was held in April outside Chicago, and a track event, concours d'elegance, and rallye were added. It was the first convention as we now know it.

Although the convention provides a great way for Alfa Romeo owners to get together and have fun, its official purpose is to provide a location for the yearly meeting of the board of directors and the annual meeting of members. However, the greatest majority of the convention schedule is dedicated to schmoozing, tire-kicking, engaging in discussions of high socio- and economic interest, and of course competitive driving and non-driving events.

What is a Potlatch?

Potlatches are traditional Native American social occasions given by a host to establish or uphold status in society. They may mark a significant family event such as the birth of a child or a marriage. Every event during a potlatch highlights the host's status by demonstrating wealth or expounding on inherited privileges.

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## Project 75 GTA Suspension And Brakes

BY JOHN VAN RENSBURG

It's a bittersweet thing, I suppose. Some love it and some... well, they'd rather not say anything I suppose.

At the very least, even the most conservative, "keep it original", dyed in the wool "a four cylinder Alfa is the only real Alfa" die-hard, just shrugs and smiles. I have had the occasional "OH MAN! How ya gonna stop *dis thang*...?" questions, as well as "those suspensions were never designed for that!" comments, but these are to be expected.

Well, we are addressing it, so let's talk iron... and aluminium and forged steel and oil and gas-filled and Carbon Kevlar.

Suspensions – a few options here. I run a nice street setup on the Verde and it actually did well on the track for me last year: Koni "Yellows" front and rear, Red IAP (International Auto Parts) rear springs, and 28+mm front torsion bars. I run all polyurethane bushings, but with stock Verde sway bars. I like it for the street. The Shankle systems are pretty good too (I have driven Joe from Group 2' Milano with a full Shankle setup), but getting Ricambi to ship parts is like getting Alfa to return to the US. As a side-note, Joe likes the Bilstein shock setup better.

Well, as you would expect, I wanted more for the 3.7 24-valve track car. Enter a European setup from Ron Simons at RSRacing in the Netherlands as well as

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*A finished outboard conversion on a 75. The stock Dedion transaxle positions the brakes inboard where there is little air flow for cooling. The outboard system also allows you to run a larger rotor*

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## Alfafredly's Rambling

Is it spring yet? Sure feels like it - strange weather, but wonderful. Hope you have had time to spend with your car(s). This is great Alfa weather; our engines breathe so well in this crisp and cool air. I have enjoyed quite a few spirited drives, including time on the track.

So much work to do to our cars to get ready for the convention. No matter whether you are getting ready for the time trials, autocross, concours, or all of them - there sure is a lot to do. I think I need a bigger plan here, how about you? (Note to self - make sure to get that inspection and update work scheduled with your favorite shop, as they are already showing signs of being very busy. Call our advertisers first!)

The club has been very active in the last month, preparing for the moment we turn on the switch and finally start taking registration for the Alfa Potlatch Seattle 2005 National Convention. **We are preparing the biggest and best Alfa party our club has ever seen!**

Think of all the new Alfa friends we are going to make in the next 6 months. We get the pleasure of sharing both the beautiful NW all we have that is Alfa - and having a great time doing it! *The web site is now open so you should register for the event(s) of your choice. Make sure to get a hotel room if you plan to stay at the Doubletree.*

Talking to our guest Burt Levy and arranging for his involvement in the convention has been fun. He is coming to share his love of vintage cars and vintage racing, and his love of Alfas. He is a true character and writes with a great deal of historical accuracy of the time. I think he will be a perfect speaker, and all our guests will enjoy having him at the party. Watch out, though, he is a ride mooch!

The search for the Alfa Potlatch car has taken an exciting twist. We have turned opportunity into greater opportunity to find a Spider for the giveaway. A red spider... more about that and the effort to raise thousand for Children's Hospital at the Potlatch kick-off meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

Play with your cars more! Tops down! 

Cheers,

Fred

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## UP COMING EVENTS

Is there an event that should be on this list? Please contact Dave Kingstone.

### **MAR 5 AROO TRACK DAY PIR**

Join us at our Alfa Track Day, Portland International Raceway on Saturday, March 5, 2005. PIR gates open at 7:00am, Cost: \$100 per driver, No pre-registration is required. Fred McNabb 503.644.3130 flmcnabb@juno.com

### **MAR 12 GROUP 2 TECH SESSION**

Join Joe English for a tour of his wonderful race prep shop. A tour of Ken McBride's Collection will follow the tech session. 206.378.0900

### **MAR 18 LAPPING DAY, BR**

The first lapping day for 2005. See entry form in this issue for more information.

### **MAR 19 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**

Join the Faherty's to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish food and home brew. 6:30pm 253.549.2082

### **APR 15-16 SOVREN KICK-OFF, PR**

### **APR 17 LAPPING DAY, PR**

### **APR 23 TULIP RALLYE TOUR**

Tip-toe through the tulips with the MG Club for the day. Rosalie. Bottini@verizon.net

## Welcome New Members!

We extend a hearty welcome to the following enthusiastic folks who've joined the NWARC recently:

**Brian Katz, Redmond**

**Ross Letcher, Seattle, 1985 GTV6**

Glad to have you with us! We look forward to seeing you at events whenever you can make it.

## NEXT MEETING

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Lombardi's Cucina  
695 NW Gilamn Boulevard, Issaquah  
425.391.9097  
Food: 6:30  
Meeting: 7:30

Join us for the March general meeting Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at Lombardi's in Issaquah. Many of the Alfa Potlatch chairs will make presentations on the event they are promoting. Their discussion will include location, schedule, cost, objectives, and – most importantly – their needs for volunteers. Please plan on attending. Join us for socializing at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00, with presentations to follow.

## Saint Patrick's Day Party

### What Would Alfa Be With Out The Quadrifoglio?

By JOE FAHERTY

The Alfa Club is invited to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with Joe, Lynn and Patrick O'Faherty. We'll have Irish stew, corned ceef, Irish potatoes, and cabbage. Also, several types of home brew. Bring a favorite side dish to share and a mug for a drinkin o' the Irish coffee! We'll start the festivities about 6:30 Saturday March 19. Slainte! Joe, Lynn and Patrick

DIRECTIONS: From Seattle either take the ferry to the peninsula and take Hwy 16 toward Gig Harbor or take I-5 South thru Tacoma to Hwy 16 across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

From the peninsula take Hwy 16, exit at Wollochet and turn right onto Wollochet.

From Tacoma take Hwy 16, exit at Olympic Dr. and turn left onto Olympic Dr. Olympic becomes 56<sup>th</sup>, turn left onto Wollochet.

Continue on Wollochet, taking a slight right onto 40<sup>th</sup> St NW. Left onto 70<sup>th</sup> Ave, then right onto 32<sup>nd</sup> St NW. 32<sup>nd</sup> becomes Warren Dr, then a slight left onto Fox Island Bridge. Cross the bridge. The road becomes Island Blvd, which makes a slight right turn and becomes 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Continue on 6<sup>th</sup> until 768 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. You'll see flags at our driveway – turn right. 253-549-2082



## Lapping Day

### First of Many PR Events

By HERB SANBORN

Our first lapping day at Pacific Raceways will be on April 17th

Sunday, April 17th marks the first of six track events we have scheduled for Pacific Raceways this year including the Alfa Convention. Pacific Raceways is a challenging race course that is fun for drivers and for spectators. The cost is \$165 for the day if you register early. If you are not inclined to drive we will need corner workers and people to help at registration. Come and join us for a day of fun at one of the premier tracks in the Northwest. Come drive with us on April 17th. We will even serve you lunch!

## That Time Of Year

By HARRY REED

April isn't just for taxes. It is also time to re-elect the national board. Ballots will be send out in the April issue of the Owner. Keep an eye out for them.

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Potlatches include speeches, feasting, and gift giving. Speeches are important because in them a host asserts privileges. Serving food allows the host to demonstrate generosity and wealth, as does distributing gifts.

Foods served at potlatches vary seasonally, but usually include fish or seal meat, along with seal oil in which all food is dipped. While we will undoubtedly serve salmon, in the interest of the environment (and the health of our guests), we will forego seal meat, as well as the seal oil. The traditional good host is expected to provide more food than his guests can possibly eat. There are stories about guests becoming physically ill from over-eating. This too, we will try to avoid.

Available resources determine the kinds of gifts distributed and have changed over time. Before European contact, gifts might have included canoes, slaves, goat hair blankets, and food (perhaps stored in cedar boxes instead of the paper ones we used in our promotional presentation in Florida).

Potlatches continue to be important events in the cultural lives of native

peoples on the Northwest Coast. While the food served today is as likely to be meat stew as fish, the patterns of gifting would be recognizable to coastal tribes from earlier periods. Parties commemorate a significant event in an extended family's or clan's collective life. Potlatches are held today for baby showers, namings, weddings, anniversaries, special birthdays, graduations, and as memorials for the dead.

What is an "Alfa Potlatch"?

The significance and nature of gifting in Northwest Coast potlatches has varied through time and across cultures. Those held by commoners are mainly local, while elites often invite guests from many tribes. We, as the elite of European car-owning cultures, have invited many and distant tribes (or chapters) to attend.

Commonly portrayed as extremely competitive, potlatch hosts sometimes bankrupted themselves to outdo their rivals. NWARC does not intend to do this, as such competition would be considered inappropriate. We will reserve our competitiveness to time trials, rallies, auto crossing, and concours.

Tony Schmid, local Alfista and artist and owner of AJS Designs, has applied the

Northwest Indian graphic art theme to the Alfa Romeo logo, and this design will be available on all convention clothing. The Potlatch theme will be carried throughout the printing of invitations, programs, tickets, name badges, trophies and awards. Presentation of the entire convention will recognize our Northwest heritage: rallies will focus on Northwest themes, tours will include Native American sites, and we will feature alder-smoked salmon as the banquet entrée;

The shapes found in the Alfa logo are very similar to the shapes used in the NW Indian artwork. By combining the two pieces of artwork, Tony has supported the NW Indian culture and represented the Potlatch theme. On the right is the serpent swallowing the man. To the left is the cross of St George. Below the cross, the negative areas of the Alfa logo now include the symbols for salmon - an important icon for the NW Indians

Now it's up to you to attend the Potlatch and fill in the details. See you in July. 🍷



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has moved on to 156 and 147 models. A new GTV6/Milano package was not available on demand, so Jes and I purchased two complete RSR kits as our primary setups with a Glenwood Motors setup headed this way from SA next month for evaluation.

The RSR setup consists of

coil-over front setups (as does the Glenwood option), and both retain the stock torsion bars. The rear gets a separate coil and shock treatment from RSR while Glenwood offers a modified rear option that also runs a coil-over combo. The RSR package depends heavily on a huge front anti-roll bar, while the Glenwood option runs a stock Milano Verde front unit, but very different recoil and dampening rates from the highly specialized SAX shocks. Both run stock rear bars.

Ron's setup is more complete in that he also offers a nice selection of rose-joint

and fully-adjustable end-links for the sway bar and Watts linkage rods. Both packages offer uniball bushings for the front and rear DeDion main pivots. Both setups recommend changing out the front lower ball joints, with 105 series units. (The "old" becomes new again.)



the highly successful setups run by Dawie de Villiers from Glenwood Motors in South Africa (who also built our engines). Keep in mind that Dawie has raced GTV6/Milano/Giulietta transaxle cars with a GREAT degree of success in SA for years, so I asked him for his latest setup as well. RSR cannot be ignored, as Ron has more hours testing and racing TA Alfas and Ferraris at the demanding Nordschleife than anybody else I personally know of.

Since racing for Dawie in the SA market (privileged enough to have the newest AR models available to them), Ron

You may want to budget about \$3500 for suspension parts and another grand or so for the final setup and modification.

I have personally driven both options on the street and they are extremely rib-friendly and forgiving. Dawie's setups are clearly accustomed to more powerful engines to help bring the tail into controlled over-steer, while the RS setup feels more refined and doesn't

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# Alfa Potlatch Seattle 2005 AROC National Convention

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### Schedule of Events

#### Wednesday, July 27

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Check-in for Convention Attendees - *Convention registration desk located at the 1st level Banquet Lobby*  
 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Alfa Potlatch Welcome Reception - *DoubleTree Hotel*

#### Thursday, July 28

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Check-in for Convention Attendees - *Convention registration desk located at the 1st level Banquet Lobby*  
 TBA Vendor Booths Open - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tours, Sightseeing, etc - *Various locations*  
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting - *Velato's Meeting Room*  
 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Art Show & Model Car Show - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Miniature Car Race - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tour of Jon Shirley's & Greg Whitten's Italian Auto Collection  
 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Pre-Tech for Time Trials & Autocross - *1st level parking lot*  
 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. All Alfa V6 Engine Performance & Transaxle Handling Dynamics  
 Tech Session & Tour - *Group 2 Motorsports*  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Time Trial & Autocross Informational Open House - *DoubleTree Hotel*

#### Friday, July 29

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Check-in for Convention Attendees - *Convention registration desk located at the 1st level Banquet Lobby*  
 TBA Vendor Booths Open - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Time Trials - *Pacific Raceways, Kent, WA*  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tours, Sightseeing, etc - *Various locations*  
 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Art Show & Model Car Show - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Miniature Car Race - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Parade Laps - Pacific Raceways, Kent, WA*  
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Editors'/Webmasters' Meeting - *Misty's Lounge*  
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Welcome Party - *1st level Banquet Lobby area*  
 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Moon Light Madness Concours - *1st level parking lot*

#### Saturday, July 30

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Auto Cross - *Emerald Downs, Auburn*  
 TBA Vendor Booths Open - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tours, Sightseeing, etc - *Various locations*  
 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Art Show & Model Car Show - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Miniature Car Race - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. TSD/Gimmick Rallye - *Emerald Downs, Auburn*  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tech Session with Wes Ingram - *Velato's Meeting Room*  
 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Model Car Concours Judging - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Alfa Art Show Judging - *DoubleTree Hotel*  
 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Suds & Suds Car Wash - *1st level parking lot*  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception - *1st level Banquet Lobby*  
 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. AROC Annual Meeting & Alfa Potlatch Banquet - *Evergreen Ballroom*

#### Sunday, July 31

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Concours d'Elegance - *Bellevue Community College*  
 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Awards Luncheon - *Evergreen Ballroom*

# Alfa Potlatch Seattle 2005 AROC National Convention Registration Form

Name(s) of Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Registration is encouraged!** Some activities will sell out and meals have a 72-hour minimum cut-off time. Registration for events will be on a first-come-first-served basis as received. For additional information visit our web site at [www.alfapotlatch.com](http://www.alfapotlatch.com) or you may call (253) 631-7467 or (425) 241-9307. Registrations **must be** postmarked on or before **June 15** to receive the early registration discount. **No** registration is valid until your payment has been received and you have received a confirmation via email or US mail.

**Hotel Information:** Our convention hotel is the DoubleTree Hotel, 300 112th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98004. A block of rooms has been reserved for a special convention price of \$104 single/double occupancy + room tax. **You must** contact the hotel directly by calling (425) 455-1300 and ask for the "AROC group rate" or register online at [www.bellevue.doubletree.com](http://www.bellevue.doubletree.com), use booking code: "ARC".

Event	Date	Quantity	Price	Amount
<b>Registration</b> (all convention attendees must pay this fee)			\$ 40/Family	\$
<b>Non-Member Dues</b> (waived for members of ARA & National Alfa clubs outside the USA)			\$ 60/Family	\$
<b>Win a 1976 Alfa Spider - Proceeds to benefit Children's Hospital in Seattle</b>			\$ 10/Ticket	\$
<b>Alfa Potlatch Welcome Reception</b>	Wed. 7/27		<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>AROC Board of Directors Meeting</b>	Thurs. 7/28		<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>All Alfa V6 Engine Performance &amp; Transaxle Handling Dynamics Tech Session and Shop Tour</b>	Thurs. 7/28		<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Pre-Tech for Time Trial &amp; Auto Cross Cars</b>	Thurs. 7/28		<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Italian Auto Collection Tour - Jon Shirley &amp; Greg Whitten</b>	Thurs. 7/28		\$ 10/Person	\$
<b>Model Car Show</b>	Thurs.-Sat.		\$ 10/Entry	\$
<b>Alfa Art Show</b>	Thurs.-Sat.		\$ 10/Entry	\$
<b>City and Country Tours</b>	Thurs.-Sat.		\$ 5/Tour	\$
<b>Time Trails at Pacific Raceways</b>	Fri. 7/29		\$ 165/Driver	\$
<b>Parade Laps at PR (FREE for Time Trial entrants)</b>	Fri. 7/29		\$ 20/Driver	\$
<b>Alfa Potlatch Welcome Party</b>	Fri. 7/29		<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Moon Light Madness Concours</b>	Fri. 7/29		\$ 10/Car	\$
<b>Auto Cross at Emerald Downs</b>	Sat. 7/30		\$ 35/Driver	\$
<b>TSD/Gimmick Rallye</b>	Sat. 7/30		\$ 25/Driver	\$
<b>Tech Sessions with Wes Ingram</b>	Sat. 7/30		<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Suds and Suds Car Wash</b>	Sat. 7/30		<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>AROC Annual Meeting and Alfa Potlatch Banquet</b>	Sat. 7/30		\$ 49/Person	\$
<b>Concours-Judged /Display Classes</b> - Each Additional Car	Sun. 7/31		\$ 20/Car	\$
			\$ 15/Car	\$
<b>Awards Luncheon</b>	Sun. 7/31		\$ 25/Person	\$
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

For each paid event, please **ADD \$5** for late registration (after **June 15**).

Event	Car 1 - Year, Model	Car 2 - Year, Model
Time Trails		
Autocross		
Concours-Judged Classes		
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If desired, you may send a photo of your Alfa for our photo board. (Please put your return info on the back of the photo)

# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual LaConner Tulip Daffodil Rallye

**Date:** Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Time:** 9:30 am (Rallye Start)  
**Place:** Cascade Mall I-5 Exit 230

Each car club will have a **First Place** finish for **24<sup>th</sup> Annual LaConner Tulip Daffodil Rallye**. Non-club entrants can win in "open" class. This year's course will revisit the beautiful countryside around LaConner and Whidby Island. You and your navigator will enjoy spectacular scenery while touring; so don't leave your camera behind.

This event is a gimmick rallye, where questions take the place of time/distance checkpoints, so anyone should be able to compete successfully. All you need is a sharp eye and a sense of humor. Please note -- speed is **not** recommended! You might want to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy at the end point while the scores are being tabulated. Our ending point is still a mystery - even to us.

Please fill out the form below and send it along with \$10.00 U.S. or \$10.00 Canadian per car to the MGCC at the address shown below. (\$12.00 US or \$12.00 Canadian to register the day of event.) Please remember to bring along some canned food for donation to Northwest Harvest. For more information call Ken Bottini @ (425) 883-9615. See you there!

Directions: From I-5 take exit 230 and head east on Highway 20. Take a right at stoplight onto South Burlington Blvd. Take a right at next light onto Cascade Mall Drive. Go straight until you see the white MG Car Club tent, where you will check in. All rallye information and car number will be issued on the day of the rallye.

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**YES!! I want to participate in the 24th LaConner Tulip Daffodil Rallye!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF CAR (S) \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry Fee for each car is \$10 (US) \$10 (CDN) advance, or \$12 (US) \$12 (CDN) day of event \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Event Dash Plaque \$5.00 (US) each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to MGCCNWC.

Mail to: Tulip Rallye, c/o Ken Bottini, 12835 N.E. 36<sup>th</sup> St., Bellevue, WA 98005-1323

Questions?: 425-883-9615 or E-mail: Rosalie.Bottini@Verizon.net

# NWARC First Lapping Day of the Year! Bremerton Raceways March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, March 18th, marks our first lapping day at Bremerton Raceway. Since it is a Friday, it will be a very relaxed day and you'll get more track time than you need. If you enjoyed the different track configurations our Corsa Committee designed last year, you'll want to come back to Bremerton; we've thought of a couple more and will be implementing them this year.

**Register by mail, email, or phone. Cost is \$100 per car and driver if postmarked before March 14<sup>th</sup>. Entry fee from March 14 to the day of the event is \$110.00. Entry fee includes lunch.**

**Perform a self inspection of your car** to ensure it is mechanically prepared for track conditions  
(visit <http://welcome.to/nwarc> for more information)

**Arrive early.** Gates open at 7:30 a.m, and a MANDATORY driver's meeting is at 8:30 a.m. For a ferry schedule, refer to the Washington State Ferries Web site at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/schedules> for the Southworth or Bremerton sailing times.

### Car preparation/Self-inspection:

If you haven't had your car inspected by a local shop this year, please do so before heading out to the track. You and you alone are responsible for your car's preparedness, even though we will run you and your car through a safety inspection before allowing you onto the track. If you are driving an Alfa, refer to the list of local Alfa shops where you can schedule an appointment for a mechanical inspection prior to the event. Remember, you will be lapping at what are potentially higher than street speeds, so let's all be safe. If you'd like a copy of the inspection checklist we use at the track, check our Web site.

**Safety Requirements:** Some of these are new or revised:

1. Helmet: Snell 90 rated or newer. Shatter-proof eye protection. (There are a limited number of helmets available for rent on a first-come first-served basis; contact the registrars for rental information. )
2. Open cars must have a securely mounted roll bar that extends above the driver's (and passenger's) helmet and has a diagonal cross-brace. DOT approved factory roll bars are allowed
3. 3-point seat belts are considered minimum. 2-point belts must be replaced by 5-point systems.
4. Non-synthetic clothing that extends to ankles, wrists and neck. Denim jeans and cotton long sleeved shirt are considered minimum. Driving suits are recommended. Non-perforated leather gloves or Nomex racing gloves are required.

**For questions or to register, contact Kathleen Edwards, 253-631-7467 ([rapierke@aol.com](mailto:rapierke@aol.com)) or Herb Sanborn 360-840-1710 ([hsanborn@redjellyfish.net](mailto:hsanborn@redjellyfish.net)).**

**More info is available at the NWARC Web site: [www.nwalfaclub.com](http://www.nwalfaclub.com) .**

**To get to Bremerton Raceways:** Going north or south on Hwy 16 on the Kitsap Peninsula, take the Old Clifton Road exit. Head west on Old Clifton Road for about 4 miles. When you see the Texaco station, take a left towards the station, then take an immediate right in front of the station. Follow this residential street to the end and you're there! Obey the posted speed limits; do your 'speeding' on the track!

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**Mail completed application with check** payable to NWARC to: Kathleen Edwards. Mark "Bremerton LD March 18" on the envelope. **To register using your Visa / MasterCard** call Kathleen at (253) 631-7467 or Herb at (360) 840-1710

**You may also register via email to: [rapierke@aol.com](mailto:rapierke@aol.com).**

**Please provide the following information when emailing.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternate phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Alfa Club member?: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Track Experience/skill level \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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mind a mild T-Spark power plant to pull it through a turn seamlessly. As luck would have it, the clutches were going on both Glenwood/RSR optioned cars that I test-drove, so the jury is still out on track evaluations. Time will tell what Dawie's 350 horsepower engine does to Ron's suspension in the Franken-lano!

The cars should run a good inch and a quarter to 1.5 inches lower, and this requires an extended front drop-spindel modification to keep the lower A-Arm perpendicular to the road at rest with our 17" wheel packages installed. The rear DeDion will eventually get a cut-bend-weld modification that lowers the center of the tube and creates a 4 degree negative camber on the rear wheels for optimal handling. (Even with the sliding DeDion tube, temperatures at the outer edge of the tire are still much higher, indicating too much roll and a tire that is not staying nice and flat to the road.) Six grand buys you a Carbon Fiber remanufactured DeDion unit! (Can't get there now.)

Brakes. The news is easier to absorb, but perhaps as unpalatable in the pricing department. What do you want to spend? Money no option? - \$8,500 buys you 8-piston front Brembos and 4-piston rear Brembos with floating hat

discs. \$4,500 buys you the same configuration, but in a Praggia caliper from South Africa or an AP, Wilwood, Alcon or TAR-OX setup. Knock off about two grand and go from floating hat to fixed discs.

Coming from the other end of the scale, 600 to 800 dollars buys you upgraded slotted and drilled front rotors for the stock calipers as well as vented rear rotors from the 75-based SZ Zagato. (Plenty for a stock Milano/GTV6.) \$1,200 buys you a grassroots setup with fixed (but larger) front discs, 4-piston Porsche/Brembo 944 calipers and, again, the SZ conversion at the back.

Since it was one of our goals to remove some of the excessive heat build-up between the transaxle, the rear brakes, the exhaust and the brake-fluid, we opted to move our rear discs outboard. The conversion is much simpler than it sounds. It involves a machined aluminium spacer where the old disc used to be, machining the hubs down a bit and then squeezing the new outboard rear-disc over the hub. Yes, this increases the unsprung mass, *but* we more than gain with a significant temperature drop on the 282mm vented rear discs (directly off of the front of the current Euro/SA spec.156 model).

At the rear, grip comes from 4-pot Praggias (with handbrake gears). The front gets a custom 330mm disc from the current supplier of the GTA Squadra Corse team, with aluminium hats and a Praggia 8-pot caliper. The idea is to trail-brake at Laguna Seca without fade, or to bang them hard closing in on turn two at PR (and assuming the brakes will still be there by turn 3).

As a side note, the front pads are (huge, but stock) Ferodo units from the sleek Mercedes Benz Sprinter delivery/recreational van (known in the US as a **Freightliner** Sprinter.) The brakes will not be boosted other than the triple Girling setup (front, rear and clutch masters) with balance-bar and an in-cabin adjustable bias control.

Ol' Jes Thyssen lands here again from California at the time of print, and we will be at Group 2 dropping motors in and installing the rebuilt transaxles. Next month we'll talk about how that went as well as cover the extremely fast converted (2.2 turns lock-to-k) manual P/S racks from Sweden.

Feel free to email me with questions or suggestions at [john@reginaceleste.com](mailto:john@reginaceleste.com)

Cheers,

John van Rensburg



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FOR SALE: A 73 spider cream with a straight rust free body. It has a

good interior and is a good driver. The front bumpers are perfect and has a new top last year. \$2200.00 Ben Howe, Ralli-Round 206.323.8000 (2/05)

FOR SALE: Two hard tops for spiders. One for a 1974 with a vinyl top black in color \$650.00 One for an 89 spider Red excellent condition with heated rear glass and dome light. Paint very good and headliner perfect. \$1200.00 Ben Howe, Ralli-Round 206.323.8000 (2/05)

WANTED: set of Mille Miglia Wheels 14x6, four hole. Has center casting that reads "1000 Miglia" Contact Mike Kay (206) 860-4035 or e-mail me at mkay61@msn.com (3/05)

FOR SALE: 1983 Alfa Romeo GTV-6, silver w/blue leather interior, 159,280 mi. d/t in good shape needs cosmetic TLC & alternator. Slight rust. \$2100 OBO 206-915-5186, tango7@netzero.net (3/05)



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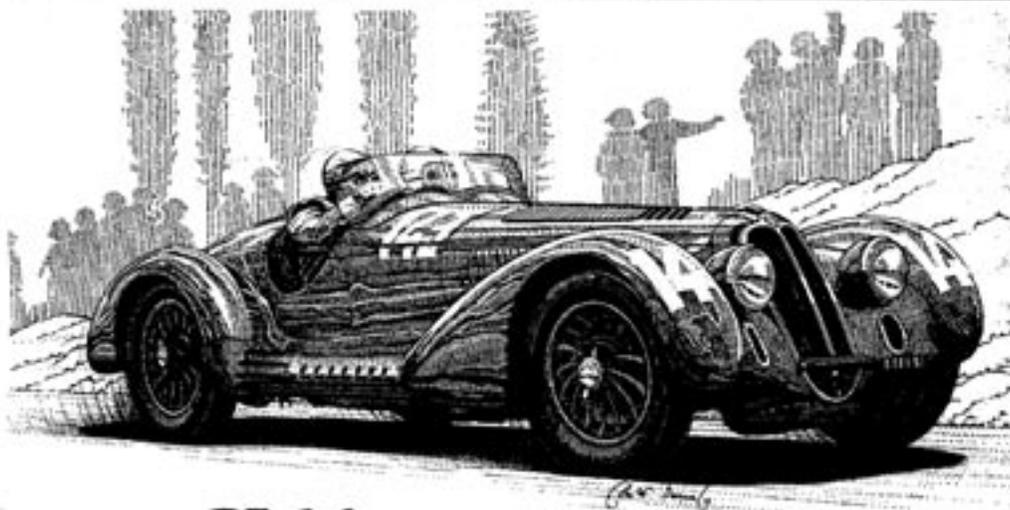
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All dates and events subject to change.

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