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AROO Tour to the Haugland Collection - Saturday, September 21



Who We Are

AROO (Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon) is a car club celebrating Alfa Romeo cars and lifestyle. We have more than 200 individual members throughout Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. AROO is affiliated with the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club. Our club mailing address is:

6505 SE Stark St., Portland, OR 97215

AROO website: www.alfaclub.org

AROC website: www.aroc-usa.org



We welcome Alfa owners, admirers and lovers of our beautiful Italian machines. To join, go to the AROC web site, click on "Membership" and follow the prompts to join AROC. At the prompt, choose AROO (Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon) as your club.

Meetings and Events

Our club holds events throughout the year! We often meet the third Wednesday of each month. Our calendar of events is posted at the right, and on our web site [HERE](#) and includes General Meetings, tours, tech sessions, picnics/eateries, and more.

Join the Conversation!

Go to our Social Media sites for up-to-the-minute information on events and happenings.



2024 AROO Board of Directors

The AROO Board meets most months on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm via ZOOM. All members are encouraged to join us. Please reach out to the Club President to receive a ZOOM invite.

Click on the name below to email us!

- Board President: [Steve Davis](#)
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Minutes for all Board Meetings are posted on the AROO web site [HERE](#)

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- Info on the Old Super Tour

On the cover - Some of the cars of the Haugland Collection... how many can you identify?

2024 AROO Calendar of Events!

Links to register/RSVP or Recaps in [<Green>](#)

Event Name	2024 Date
Annual Valentines Tour/Lunch	Sun, 2/18
General Meeting - Old Spaghetti Factory	Wed, 2/21
Rally School	Sat, 3/9
Rally Cup #1	Sun, 3/10
General Meeting	Wed, 3/20
Rally Cup #2	Sun, 4/7
General Meeting - Alfas in LeMons	Wed, 4/17
Rally Cup #3	Sun, 5/5
45th Old Spider Tour/Giulietta 70th Anniv	Sat, 5/18
AROC NATIONAL CONV - MICHIGAN	5/28-6/2
4th Annual SummerFun Tour/Picnic	Sat, 6/1
Tech Session/General Meeting - 503/Sauber <RSVP>	Wed, 6/26
Rally Cup #4 - TOUR & DINNER! <Registration>	Sun, 6/30
Summer Tour - Salem-Gearhart-Kalama <INFO>	Fri-Sun, 6/14-16
Northwest Classic Challenge	CANCELED CANCELED
Alfa Wannabe Tour - Historic Lodges <INFO>	July 4-15
Annual Wine Tour/Picnic	Sat, 7/20
Forest Grove Concours	Sun, 7/21
Monterey Car Week	8/9-8/18
New Car Tech Session	POSTPONED
General Meeting - Old Spaghetti Factory	Wed, 9/18
Alfetta 50th Anniv Tour to Haugland Collection	Sat. 9/21
Annual Old Super Tour	Sat, 10/12
General Mtg	Wed, 11/20
Annual Holiday Dinner & Tour	Sun, 12/8



AROO is going strong in the fall!

We have some wonderful events coming up, so I hope your Alfa is ready to take to the roads as the trees turn colors and it (hopefully) cools down a bit... Check these pages for the details.

Haugland Tour - something special... SO... how many of the cars on the cover can you identify? Are you good enough to ID half of them? How about the cars in the photo at right? Have you only seen some of them in pictures? Want to see them all in the “real”? All of these cars (and more) are in the collection of Alex and Amy Haugland, and NOW is the time to register for this! I’ve been a little surprised that the RSVP’s for this event have been below expectations, especially considering the venue. There may not be a finer collection of special, one-off, exotic and rare cars in Oregon. Turn the page and register!

It’s finally happened - my Alfetta GT resto-mod is really-truly DONE! For those who have been keeping score, it’s been a five-year journey of discovery, learning, frustration, imagination and much more. As I’m writing this, I plan to take it to the Oregon DMV tomorrow, September 10, which is exactly five years since I took over the title of the car! I’m planning a feature in the AlfaBits for a future date, but here are a few teaser pictures...



Send me your Alfetta story!!!

And lastly... I’m preparing an article for the Alfa Owner on the Alfetta series. I want to give some appropriate love to the car that was, for many of us, our “first Alfa”. And, I want to hear from YOU! Was an Alfetta (GT or Sedan) your first Alfa? Did you or do you race, show, polish and/or drive the wheels off it? Was it special, and why (or why not?). Please send me a note ([EMAIL HERE](#)) with your own story and pictures (old and new!). I want to include it in the story to celebrate Alfetta on their 50th Anniversary! Help me out... be famous!

September 21 - A Very Special Collection Tour!

RSVP



Calling all Alfas, and especially the transaxle variety! Alfa Romeo is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Alfetta, and by connection, the GTV6 and Milano also. What better way to celebrate than to drive down to Eugene to see the amazing auto collection of Alex and Amy Haugland.

Alex's collection now numbers close to 200, and he recently consolidated them into two warehouses. Alex collects cars that reflect his sense of style, and you will see many "one of one's", as well as beautiful cars from England, Italy, Germany, Spain and more. At last count, Alex has nine Alfas, including a Montreal, a Sprint Special, a SZ, and more, including an Alfetta GT and a GTV6. Best of all, Alex drives his entire collection on a regular basis, and it's not unusual to see he or Amy on the roads around Eugene.

Touring his collection takes time, so the plan will be to arrive at his first warehouse around 10:30.

Meet at the Wilsonville/Baldock Rest Area ([map HERE](#)) by 8:30am! Departure is 8:45!! The route down I-5 takes 90 minutes, and down 99W takes 2 hours; we'll make a last minute decision.

We'll be at the first building for about 2 hours then caravan the short distance to the other collection location. From there, we will plan a late lunch, probably at "Chiefs BBQ" in Coburg, right off I-5.

Here is the address of the collection:

[4068 Stewart Road, Eugene, OR 97402](#)

If you are coming on your own, please plan to meet us at the above address at 10:30am.

Alex doesn't open his collection to the public, so it's a very special opportunity we have to share his incredible group of cars! **RSVP NOW!**



AROO General Meeting (It's been a while!)

Join us on Wednesday, September 18th for a general meeting and a chance to get together, swap stories, talk about events we've attended, and events coming up! Especially interested in anyone attending Monterey this year, or either of the big PDX concursos - Forest Grove or Oswego.

One of the things people in the club have said is that we don't know each other very well - what cars we own, how long we've been Alfa-people, etc. Our General Meeting is a way to improve that, so please plan to join us! We especially welcome first-timers to attend!

Details:

Wednesday, September 18

6:30 doors open, dinner at 7:00

Location: [Old Spaghetti Factory](#), 715 S Bancroft Street, Portland, OR 97239

Please bring \$25 cash per person to cover dinner and tip. Drinks on your own

See you all there!

HOOOLIGAN'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

THE 2024 AROO
GIULIA SUPER TOUR



OCTOBER 12, 2024 - 10 AM

An Oregon Two-Lane-Blacktop Adventure

Leaders:

Bill and Marian Gillham driving "Hooligan"

Where:

The back parking lot of the South Bound
Santiam River I-5 Rest Area

Start Time:

Drivers Meeting at 9:50 am - leave at 10:00 am

Destination:

Seal Rock Oregon - Mid Afternoon

Length of Tour:

Around 150 miles - of Oregon's best
Two-Lane Black Top

Features:

Rally style instructions
The old road to the Coast
Amazing Fall Colors
Opportunities for great Seafood
Oregons best Alfa Roads

Bring:

Your Alfa with a full tank of Gas and a Navigator
A Hearty Snack or Picnic lunch

Please RSVP to:

Bill Gillham

hooligan.racing.llc@gmail.com

RSVP

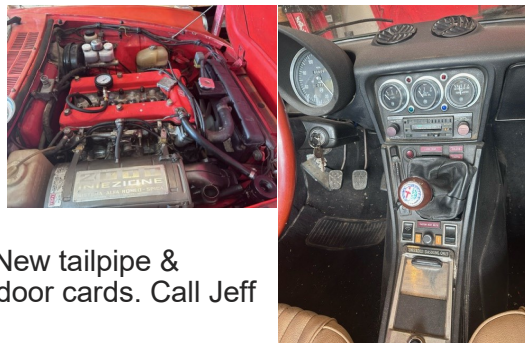
Alfas for Sale by AROO'ers!

Dave Beach is selling his 1965 SPIDER VELOCE , including motor block, forged rods, forged pistons, veloce cams, rubber matting. Adapted for spin-on oil filter. 15 in. x 4.5 in. chrome rim set with BF Goodrich CompTAs and hubcaps. Original Pirelli P-3s included for concours showing. Un-assembled Parrish hardtop, painted with car. 15in. x 5.5 in. alloy rims with 175 street tires. leather seats, Robins top, tonneau cover, spare tire cover, tool kit. AGM battery with regulated alternator. Pertronix and Marelli electronic ignition. Bilstein shocks. Period correct radio and under-dash speaker. Original stainless wiper arms/blades stored in trunk. I've put 20k miles on the car since restoration was completed. Price: \$90,000 OBO, plus shipping. Contact Dave Beach beachblueberry@gmail.com or 503-307-6014.



Marty Schneiderman is selling his 1987 Milano Gold. Dark Blue with Gray interior. This car has been in the PDX area for many years. Call Marty at 503-250-2732 for details

Jeff Curran has a '78 Spider project that needs a new home. The car was a barn find. It runs but needs a good tune. Strong cylinder pressure in all 4. Transmission solid. It would be an easy project for someone to finish or a great source of parts if needed. I'd prefer it go to an Alfa enthusiast and am willing to sell it for a very reasonable offer. Rust free, Needs a top, No cracks in dash, Couple small dents, New tailpipe & mirrors, Seats have some splits & Needs new door cards. Call Jeff at 503-201-8616



Pat Rugar has a engine out of a '77 Spider - about 80k miles. Blown head gasket - needs a rebuild. Pat's in Bend and wants someone to take it before he junks it Call him at 541-797-3227

Let's help out an Alfisti!

Jerry Thalhamer is selling his very loved Alfa Romeo 4C, due to unfortunate family issues. He's the original owner and it's a low-mileage, apparently pristine example. Jerry loves this car (obvious in the way he describes it!) and is reluctant to sell. However, his situation is such that he can't keep it. So he is offering it first to our club, in the hope that it can stay here in Oregon and be loved as much as he loves it. The car has the optional Track Package and the Akrapovic exhaust among lots of other goodies

2018 Alfa Romeo 4C Spider

Mileage is 19,886

Asking price is \$59,500

Jerry Thalhamer

2411 SW Leo St

McMinnville, Oregon 97128

Home: 503-435-2737

Mobile: 503-290-6099 (text)

jthalhamer@yahoo.com



Local parts and/or services for our vehicles that members have recently used with satisfactory results. If you have had a good experience with a 'local' vendor please share it with the club.

PDX Metro

[Beaverton Auto Upholstery](#), Beaverton, OR - installed interior package on 74 GTV. 9/23

[Automotive Outfitters](#), SE Portland, tires for 88 Verde. 8/21

[Nasko Imports](#), SE Portland - Long time Alfa support

[Botta Moto Works](#), N Portland, high performance vehicle repair and maintenance. 8/23

[Ereminas Alfa Parts](#), Newberg, OR - Big selection new & used on eBay or Call Marc - 503.290.4958

[Wilson Radiator](#), Vancouver, WA - old-school radiator shop

[Bartosh Import Auto Parts](#), Vancouver, WA - long-standing independent import car parts shop

[Trackside Motorsports](#), Kenton, NE PDX

Acme Welding Body Shop: 503-230-1873 - Great sheet metal straightening. 610 SE Salmon St, Portland, OR 97214

P J Markovich - Brightwork repair (but not polishing):
503-998-2047 (works out of his house)

Ron's Front End & Brakes: (503) 775-8189 Alignments. They understand our old cars. 5912 SE Foster Rd, Portland, OR 97206

[Automotive Outfitters](#)... Tire/Wheel Store. Ship your Tire Rack stuff there. (503) 772-0654 8324 SE Foster Rd, Portland

Guy Recordon Interiors, (503) 224-8657, 2400 NE Holladay, PDX

Tom Black's Garage (Autobody), (503) 239-0227, 2400 NE Holladay, Portland (same as above)

Eugene/Central Willamette Valley

[Vintage Underground](#) - Eugene - high-end restorations

[Bill Gillham/Hooligan Racing](#) - Jefferson - Giulietta Specialists

[Springer Machine Shop](#) - Eugene - Engine balancing & Head work on Alfa 2L - 4/23

[Precision Classics](#) - Paint, Bodywork, Custom - 8/22

[Glass Magnum](#) - Eugene - Glass installs for European & exotics - 541-465-1811

Add More To This List!

Let's make this list the authority on places to take your Alfa or other special car for anything - service, paint, engine work, upholstery, etc.

If you have had a good experience with a car-related business, please email [Frank Filice HERE](#), so we can get it onto this list and expand it to a full page! We want recommendations from PDX Metro, Central Willamette, Southern Oregon and the Bend/Sisters areas.

Do you know AROO is on facebook! If not, you should join! All our events are posted there, and many members post photos of events... some of them mid-event for up-to-the-second information! It's also a place for idea sharing and comments about our cars. You may not be a fan of social media, but this is one site you should join! Click over there -> to visit & join.





[“Everyday 2 Exotic” - Episode 1 - Alex and Amy talk about, drive and enjoy their 1971 Montreal - click for more!](#)