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Cliff Whisler and Bob Golkowski visit during the tour of the Hi Performance Store, March 29.

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Summertime!

Perhaps no season of the year is better for Alfas, particularly if you're a Spider owner. Sunny summer days and warm summer nights—perfect for a top-down cruise just for the fun of it. Add the fun of driving to the fun of Club events and you have the recipe for a perfect Alfa summer!

The Italians and British get together to begin our summer activities. We're cohosting the second annual Euroextravaganza with the Jaguar Club of Tulsa June 13 -14. The first event was so successful last year that the second year has been expanded beyond Alfas and Jaguars to include all European marques. You'll find complete information on page two and a registration form on page 11. You can also link to the Euroextravaganza website through ours: www.arocok.org and download and print the registration form. Do it soon. The deadline for the pre-show packet is June 9. Then polish your Alfa(s) and get ready to show them—and drive them either through cones on an autocross (slalom in Jaguar-speak) or on a scenic tour.

Although things have been quiet on the Club front in May, we did have a busy spring with a wine tour, two shop tours and a very busy tech session during which four Spider tops were installed.



Allen Lofland, Alan Oswald and Buddy Butler visit during the May 4 tour of Buddy's shop in Nicoma Park, near Oklahoma City.

Get your Alfa ready to shine in Sand Springs

Beginning with the Friday night tailgate party and ending with the Saturday night awards dinner, the second annual EuroMotor Extravaganza, a car and motorcycle show, which AROCOK co-sponsors with the Tulsa Jaguar Club, promises to be non-stop car fun.

Euroextravaganza 2008 is a charity event, benefiting the Shriners Transportation Fund. The deadline for show packages is June 9. The show package (\$50.00) includes one car or motorcycle registration, one autocross entry and one t-shirt.

You can also register for the car show only and/or the autocross only. All registrations include one ticket to the awards banquet at Chastain's Casual Cafe in downtown Sand Springs.

Here is the schedule of events:

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

•3:00 p.m. Hotel check in begins at the Hampton Inn, 7852 W Parkway Blvd, (Exit 81st West Ave

Autocross: Jaguar style (also called a Slalom)

If you're ready to jump in your Alfa and take off around the autocross course during EuroExtravaganza, you might want to slow down enough to become familiar with the Jaguar Club Slalom. The June 14 event, to be run in the K-Mart parking lot on Charles Page Boulevard, will be run according on a Jaguar North America Club sanctioned course.

This means that each of the three laps is run in a different configuration:

•The first lap is an hour-glass.

from Highway 412) Sand Springs. Special room rates available.

•4:30 p.m. Registration begins. Front room of the Hampton Inn.

•6:30 p.m. Tailgate party. Hampton Inn parking lot.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

•8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration and setup, downtown Sand Springs. Around the triangle.

•10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Participants choice judging.

•1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Autocross in K-Mart parking lot, Charles Page Blvd. Or self-guided tour of Coyote Trail, Keystone Dam, Osage Hills.

•7:30 p.m. Catered awards dinner, Sand Springs Home.

You can register by going to our website www.arocok.org and clicking on a link to the event website.

•The second lap is a figure-eight.

•The third lap, also called "hot lap," is an oval.

Drivers start from a standing start and must finish by stopping inside the designated area. Penalties are assessed at two seconds per cone; failure to stop within the designated area or to complete the course in its three-lap layout will result in being disqualified for that attempt.

Each entrant will be allowed five attempts and the fastest attempt counts towards the final results.

Information from: http://www.eumoex.com/new_page_2.htm



One member of the Keith Kelly and Patrick Kelly racing team slaloms during EuroExtravaganza 2007.

A Day at Buddy's

Story and photos by Wayne and Judy Huntman

About eighteen Alfa enthusiasts and four Fiat enthusiasts attended Buddy Butler's get together at his shop in Nicoma Park, May 14.

Two couples from Wichita, Kansas showed up with their Fiats. The Loflands and the Wagoners drove their Fiats down to join with us and enjoy the day and Italian cars.

Buddy enjoyed showing us his shop and all of his restored cars and motorcycles. He had some excellent examples of his workmanship and displayed his work in progress projects. His clean shop and his projects made all of us begin thinking about what all we needed to do to our cars. We talked Italian cars and parts for about an hour and half and then the hungry ones of us started leaving for Primo's for some Italian food. We left some behind still talking about cars —mainly Russ—but he got the message when the parking lot was almost empty.

Everyone but two went to Primo's where we continued discussions about Alfas, Fiats, motorcycles, racing, sailing, Alfas, Fiats, painting, Alfas and Fiats. The food arrived and the conversation died down some but then started back up again on different topics such as painting Alfas and Fiats.

A good time was had by all attendees and emails were exchanged and ideas about a future get together. We left with a wave of hands and the sounds of Alfas leaving the parking lot till next time.

A Mini-Cooper, an Alfa Spider and a Fiat in the parking lot at Buddy Butler's shop.



Buddy Butler and Allen Lofland visit during the tour of Buddy's shop.



Russ Neely and David Simmons admire the motorcycle collection.



The tour group pauses for a group photo before heading to dinner at an Italian restaurant.



Allen Lofland visits with Alan Oswalt and Buddy Butler in front of the BMW motorcycle sign.

John DiMaggio talks to Harold Tompkins during the tour of Buddy Butler's shop May 4.



John and Rose DiMaggio enjoy dinner at Primo's after the shop tour.

Topping it Off: Installing Spider tops

A beautiful spring day, a group of Spiders—the perfect formula for fun. But Saturday, April 26 was educational for a group of Spider owners learning to put tops on their cars.

The day was a long one, full of cramming bodies into the “back seat” of Spiders, stretching tops to fit, removing and installing various pieces, but four Alfas went home looking good with new tops.

Thanks to all the helpers: Jamie Perlingiere, James Perlingiere, David Hyman, Alan Oswalt, David Simmons and Dean Mandlebaum.



Jamie Perlingiere arrives in Richard Allen's Spider, one of the candidates for a new top.



Jamie Perlingiere helps Dean Mandlebaum and David Simmons remove the top from David Hyman's Spider



Jamie Perlingiere answers a question as he prepares to remove a Spider top.



The ability to squeeze into small spaces is essential in the top installation process. David Hyman and Dean Mandlebaum assist David Simmons who is working in the “back seat” of David Hyman’s Spider.



Tissue paper from the new top covers the trunk area of a Spider as David Simmons and James Perlingiere concentrate on their job.



Sometimes the job takes a lot of Alfisti Power: Dean Mandlebaum, David Hyman, David Simmons and James Perlingiere watch as Jamie Perlingiere stands in Eileen Simmons’ Spider during the top-installation process.



Alan Oswald and James Perlingiere take a respite from top installation duties as they watch David Simmons and Jamie Perlingiere work on the top for Jamie’s Spider.



Dean Mandlebaum and David Hyman watch Alan Oswald perform another step in the top installation process.

Touring Oklahoma Wine Country

The words "Oklahoma" and "wine country" aren't exactly synonymous, but among the facts Oklahoma Alfisti learned during April 12 tour of Stroud wineries is that Lincoln County, Oklahoma is on the verge of becoming a major wine producing area.

The Tulsa-area group met in Sapulpa to begin their leg of the wine tour. Instead of traveling I-44 to Stroud, the group decided to cruise down Route 66 towards the first stop the Rock Cafe and lunch. April 12 was a wonderful spring day, bright, sunny and cool. The Alfa caravan traveled down Route 66 and arrived at the Rock Cafe slightly ahead of schedule. We parked our Alfas in the parking lot and went inside to enjoy the famous food and to visit.



Tulsa-area Alfisti meet under the clock in a downtown Sapulpa park to begin the April 12 wine tour to Stroud. Back row: Bob Golkowski, Jonathan Hyman, Dean Mandelebaum, Jamie Perlingiere, David Hyman, Alan Oswald. Second row: Tobie Hyman, Carol Mandelebaum, David Simmons. Front Row: Autumn Perlingiere, Julie Perlingiere, Eileen Simmons. Oklahoma City Alfisti Garry Stotts and Sherry Evans met the group at their first stop, the Rock Cafe on Route 66. (Photo by James Perlingiere)

Carol and Dean Mandelbaum check out the Rock Cafe menu, included as part of a newspaper.



David Hyman and Alan Oswald's Spider grace the Rock Cafe parking lot.



Joan Neidell, Les Neidell, Bob Golkwoski (drinking coffee) James Perlingiere and Julie Perlingiere crowd around a table at the Rock Cafe.



Seated at a counter, Autumn Perlingiere talks to Jamie Perlingiere, David Simmons and Alan Oswalt.

STABLERIDGE WINERY

Our first winery stop was StableRidge, just a few blocks from Rock Cafe. The tasting room and gift shop are located in Stroud's first Catholic Church, which was begun in 1898 and finished in 1902. Owners Annetta and Don Neal grow grapes and contract with other Oklahoma grape growers in order to produce their wines. Annetta is a retired first grade teacher.

The winery is the result of two tornadoes: a 1999 storm which hit the Neal's home on the adjoining property. The Neals purchased the property where the winery is now located and planted the first grapes in 2000. In 2003, a tornado demolished their warehouse in downtown Stroud. They built a replacement building which now houses their winery. Their wines have won gold medals in competitions and are distributed throughout the state—and even exported to California!



Julie Perlingiere and Les Neidell listen as StableRidge owner Don Neal explains the wine-making process.

David Simmons, Autumn Perlingiere, Carol Mandlebaum and Tobie Hyman listen to Annetta and Don Neal's presentation of their wines in the StableRidge tasting room.



TERRITORIAL CELLARS

Our second stop on the Stroud Wine Tour was Territorial Cellars, a short distance from StableRidge. Territorial Cellars was a few weeks away from opening in 2006 when a fire destroyed their building in downtown Stroud. The owners moved the operation closer to their vineyards on Highway 99 north of Stroud. Open not quite a year, their wines are blends. Territorial Cellars has a large dining room and serves limited lunch and dinner. Our group took two large tables for tasting six different wines.



Les Neidell and James Perlingiere watch David Hyman take a photo in the Territorial Cellars wine-making area.



Territorial Cellars Tasting Group: Sherry Evans, Autumn Perlingiere, Jamie Perlingiere, David Simmons, Eileen Simmons, Julie Perlingiere, Bob Golkowski and Garry Stotts. Photo by James Perlingiere



And the result of the experimental photoshooting: James Perlingiere's face in the door of the vat. (How much winetasting had happened at this point?) Photo by David Hyman.



The Other Winetasting Group: Joan Neidell, Les Neidell, David Hyman, Tobie Hyman, Carol Mandlebaum. Photo by James Perlingiere.

An Alfa and a parking lot—a combination for Alfa Talk. In the Territorial Cellars parking lot, David Simmons, David Hyman and Dean Mandlebaum discuss the upcoming top tech session.



Supercharge It!

A Visit to Hi-Performance

Want to make your Alfa more powerful? Alfisti who visited Greg and Misty Gordon's Hi-Performance Store on March 29 near Sapulpa saw the results of supercharging cars, including Les Niedell's Alfa Spider.

The event drew a large crowd who enjoyed learning about supercharging and talking Alfas. While the guys were out in the shop, the women were inside, where Stephanie and Robin Kernyansky led a jewelry tech session. Participants made necklaces and bracelets while getting caught up on life events.

After car talk and jewelry making, the group adjourned to Toscana, an Italian restaurant in Sapulpa, for good food and to continue the good conversation.

Steve Kernyansky, Russ Neely, David Simmons, Scott Fowler and Alan Oswald engage in some Alfa shop talk.



Greg Gordon explains the supercharging process as David Simmons, Les Neidell, John DiMaggio and Hank Sossin listen.



Hank Sossin, John DiMaggio and David Simmons pay close attention to Bob Golkowski's technical explanation.



Steven Kernyansky points to the engine in Les Neidell's Spider as he asks Les a question.



Les Neidell makes a point to an interested Steve Kernyansky.



Russ Neely and Cliff Whisler listen as Greg Gordon explains his supercharged Fiat.



Misty Gordon checks her selection of beads.



Joan Neidell and Autumn Perlingiere concentrate on their jewelry creations.

Holiday Plans

Summer has barely begun, but we're already thinking about December. What's up with that? Members indicated an interest in celebrating the holidays with a murder mystery at Stone Lion Inn in Guthrie.

Club members have participated in Stone Lion Inn murder mysteries twice previously and both have been a lot of fun! The most fun was the time we had enough Alfisti to reserve the entire evening just for our group. Beneath the surface of that mild-mannered Alfa Guy or Gal lies an accomplished actor and there are plenty of witnesses.

Our goal is to get enough people that we can repeat the fun with an Alfisti-only group. For that, we need a minimum of ten couples or twenty

people.

Autumn checked out the possibilities for December and two weekends remain: December 5 or 6 or December 19 or 20. The cost per couple for the dinner, murder mystery, room and breakfast the next morning ranges from \$181 to \$229 without group rates. Group rates are available on Friday night, but not Saturday night.

Check in begins at 4:00 p.m. and the evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour.

Not surprisingly, December is one of Stone Lion Inn's busiest months, so we need to make reservations as soon as possible. If you're interested, let Autumn know (kuhawk4life@hotmail.com) and if you'd prefer Friday or Saturday night.

For more information about Stone Lion Inn and the murder mystery evenings, visit their website at <http://www.stonelioninn.com>.

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