



On 8th April, 2018, this 1939 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS spider was auctioned in Paris (with no reserve). It achieved a sale price of € 274,160.

Dear Western Australian Alfisti,

This is the 14th edition of **ALFA OCCIDENTALE** – the electronic newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (WA Division). Should you have any contributions that you would like to see included in future editions of this newsletter, please note that your contributions would be most welcome. Please send articles, photos, used car ads., etc., to the club at:

secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com This newsletter outlines the club's upcoming 2018 schedule, including information on our next competition, social and club driving events.

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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS SUMMARY

The latest update of the 2018 program for AROCA WA is presented below. Please consider attending as many of the club's upcoming events as you are able to. Note that additional details concerning these events is provided later in this Newsletter.

- Normal monthly club events during 2018 include a garage visit to see Michael Barringer's car collection. This special event will be held this month on Saturday 12th May, starting at 13:30 at Michael's garage/workshop in Como. See the announcement of this visit to Michael's garage later in this edition of the newsletter.
- Sunday 20th May is officially the "National Motoring Heritage Day". The club has two events available to its members on this day. The first is the annual "British Car Day Raid" to GinGin. Richard Pierce is the organizer of this event. Details appear below.
- The 2nd event for May 20th is run by the WA Lancia Fiat car club. It is their club run to Dwellingup. That club's president, Rob Rowbottom, has invited AROCA WA members to join this run, if interested. A notice concerning this event also appears below.
- The "Cars and Coffee" Sunday mornings continue to grow in attendance here in WA (as they also do in other states). Many highly interesting cars have been present at recent events. "Cars and Coffee" occurs approximately monthly. (Note that the next gathering will be on Sunday 27th May). If you want your pride and joy to be shown in a good position in the vehicle display, we recommend you arrive at UWA before the official start of the event which has become a very large gathering. Cars and Coffee runs from 8:30 - 10:30 at the University of Western Australia, in Car Park 3 adjacent to the UWA staff club, off Hackett Drive, Nedlands, 6009. [+ Google Map](#)





- The Albany “Round-the-Houses” weekend will occur over the June long weekend. Note that AROCA WA will have an Alfa team on the track at Albany, and a dinner in Albany on the Saturday night.
- The club’s birthday dinner is on Saturday, June 23rd at JoJo’s on the Swan, Nedlands. Details can be found later in this newsletter. Use the booking form appearing with the announcement to make sure of your place at the dinner soon.
- Also look out for a July club night visit to meet with Richard Wilson of Richard’s tyres.
- A wildflower run is tentatively planned for Saturday 19th August. More on that later.
- An Italian Festival Track Day is scheduled at Barbagallo raceway in mid-September. This annual event is one where numerous AROCA WA members compete and display their cars.
- The Rotary Italian car day will be held early in November; details to be advised later.
- The 2018 Pasta Run will be run by AROCA WA again acting as event organizer. The date is November 18th. It will be at the same venue as the 2017 event.
- The club is running two weekends away during 2018. The first was late in February, going north to visit the notable private Vincent motorcycle collection in Jurien Bay. A second weekend run is likely to occur late in the winter/spring; possibly heading southwards.
- The inter-club competitive point-to-point program for 2018 continues. It started on 24th February. Competition Secretary, Ivan Olsen’s calendar of events is provided below. Contact him if you wish to participate.
- In 2019, Alfesta will be run over Easter on the Mornington Peninsula. 2019 is the 50th anniversary of AROCA and will be a big year for club nationally. The WA committee is wondering whether members might want to consider travelling to this event and to the Phillip Island classic a couple of weeks earlier. A convoy is possible, given enough interest.



Rear view of the 1939 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS spider auctioned in Paris on 8th April this year.



P H I L L I P I S L A N D C L A S S I C 2 0 1 8



As mentioned last month, a small group of AROCA WA stalwarts made the annual pilgrimage to the Phillip Island event in Victoria this year.

While no-one brought their cars over this time, they did manage to carefully examine a number of important classic cars while in the East.

The photographs shown here are additional to those classic car race photos presented in last month's edition of Alfa Occidentale.

Here, Rod and Todd Quinn are seen with friends from Victoria preparing some special cars for the drive down to the Phillip Island classic motorsport event.





A R O C A W A M A Y 2 0 1 8 C L U B N I G H T



The WA Alfa Club's May 2018 club night was held at the Henry on 8th wine bar, on 8th Avenue in Maylands.

There was only a small attendance at this event.

Club members seen at the "Henry on 8th" included Andrew Murray, Nick Rahimtulla, Greg Smith, Domenic Zito, Lee Scanlon, Sam Calabro and John Schoen.



Photos from the club night are shown adjacent. (Courtesy of John Schoen).

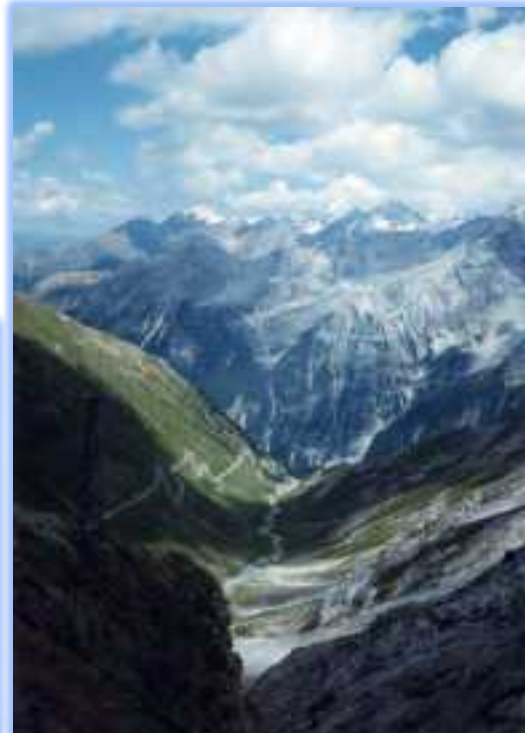


SEEN AT THE STELVIO PASS



Above right, Glen and Rita Phillips are seen in Italy in 1991, about to drive down the famous Stelvio Pass. Unfortunately, Glen says, they drove it in their rented Citroen (also shown, lower left photo).

Greg Smith, when living in Brussels, also drove the Stelvio Pass in 1987, in his own Alfa 33QV, while on a driving tour. He was too busy negotiating the many turns, while his ex-wife held onto her seat so tightly that they both forgot to film any record of that quite exciting late summer afternoon drive.





ALFA STELVIO : WA LAUNCH EVENT

On Friday 20th April, Barbagallo's Alfa Romeo showrooms organized the Western Australian launch of the new Alfa Romeo Stelvio at the WA Art Gallery. This event was held jointly with a showing of the Corsini family's famous Renaissance art collection which is on tour from its home in Florence. The WA Alfa Club was invited to the event. A number of club members attended.

Below is an article that was originally written for www.thegaragejournal.com.au by Patrick Stirling. It is reprinted here with that journal's permission.



Back in 2014, the arrival of the ground-breaking 4C finally realised Alfa Romeo's potential to build a great car once again. Finally, the world had been shown the driving spirit is still sparking in the belly of the massive Fiat Corporation, with fans finally getting their hands on an Alfa that matched the cars of old. But while a mid-engined baby super-car is great on paper, most of us in the real world lack the ability to adapt to the sparse practicality offered by a carbon-

tubbed 4C.

Thankfully in 2015, Alfa unveiled the Giulia. The first rear wheel drive sedan offered by the Italian marque since the discontinuation of the Alfa 75. The Giulia is available in a whole host of trims, engines, colours and specs that will tickle the dickle of all Alfisti. The top dog is the Giulia Quadrifoglio or 'QV' for Americans. A red-blooded Italian sports saloon powered by a twin turbocharged V6 potent enough to obliterate records at the Nurburgring and outsmart its German rivals on the autobahn.

So, while the Giulia is the car petrolheads have all been waiting for, it is far from Alfa's most important model. You see the era of every driveway sporting a 'Family Sedan' is long gone. Sedans are now company uniforms or rentals. Replacing them is the new family vehicle, the SUV.





SUVs certainly aren't new to the world, Toyota and Land Rover have been producing battle-hardened, go anywhere monoliths since the 1950s, but in today's age, SUVs make up a huge portion of the market pie. Almost every automotive marque has had to flex its design wizardry and create something suitable for the modern family, but also resonate with its heritage. We may have Alfa Romeo back for now, but for the brand to be a real contender, it needed to make an SUV.



So how can a car company guided by its history of motorsport and racing heritage take a step back down the food chain to compete with glorified soft roaders? Well Alfa Romeo does what it does best, looks to its forefathers of speed and create yet another Nurburgring record breaker. Welcome to the Stelvio.

We had the lucky opportunity to witness the launch of Alfa's new family hauler thanks to Barbagallo Perth. Held at the Art Gallery of Western Australia, potential Stelvio buyers and Alfa Romeo

enthusiasts alike were greeted at the door by a pair of Giulias and glass of Italian bubbly. Held in the main foyer of the exhibition building, the new Stelvio was covered by an authentically coloured Red Curtain.

The Stelvio you see here is the entry level model. Available in either 2.0L turbocharged petrol (147kW/330Nm) or a 2.2L turbocharged diesel (154kW/470Nm). These cars sit around the price tag of the Discovery Sport, Audi Q5, Jaguar E-Pace and the BMW X3. Don't be disparaged by the small engine selection as these two powertrains are set to be potent enough to move you and your kids from 0-100kmh in under 7 seconds. If you're wanting a bit more sportiness than the already tuned ride, the Stelvio is available with an optional Veloce Pack, which comes





with a range of sportier trim bits but more importantly Koni Frequency-selective dampers improving the vehicles road handling and roll.

If the Veloce Pack isn't quite enough chilli for your curry, then Alfa Romeo also has a solution with its Stelvio QV. This absolute maniac of a vehicle possesses the same 2.9L twin turbo V6 found in the Giulia QV but this time sending power to all four wheels through Alfa's Q4 AWD System. In a nutshell, the Stelvio QV takes the idea of the family SUV, throws it away and then sends it down the Nurburgring a whole 8 seconds faster than the Porsche Cayenne Turbo S. The Stelvio shares the same platform and construction as the Giulia, but where it differs is in the handling, tuning and of course the shape. I think it is a handsome thing, an Alfa Romeo SUV certainly sounds dreary on paper, but in the presence of the Milan built wagon, I don't see it as fat older sibling to the slender sedan. Its lines are smooth, subtle and uniform with the brands new image. Its aggressive and masculine in the front end, yet flows with curves into a more feminine rear.

The interior carries over much of the same Giulia technology and layout with even the base model having nice materials and feel. It isn't classic Italian with equipped with 20L ash tray and slippery vinyl seats, nor does it feel like it'll fall apart. Alfa's new benchmark for quality is on par with the Germans yet still has that signature zing that the italians are so well known for. There are a few hard plastics here and there, and being a taller lad, I found the cabin a little cramped, but overall the Stelvio is a very presentable and well thought-out car with some beautiful materials.

So do I think Alfa Romeo has pulled it off? For now, I can't answer that; Alfa Romeos are about feel and experience. And for that, we need to drive one...





Alfa males finish three-year labour of love

By LLOYD GORMAN

When it came to realising a lifelong dream of fully restoring one of his favourite cars, Mark Young supplied the wheels while his mate and neighbour Dave Pretty had the garage and gear to get them started.

"I had a pair of new overalls for 10 years that I gave Mark when we started out three years ago and they still look new now," Dave laughed.

Mark, an accountant, said he was an apprentice to his mentor engineer mate Dave, who works in TV commercials and tinkers with automobiles on the side.

Mark bought the car – a 1969 Alfa Romeo 1750 gtv Series One – 25 years ago from Melbourne and had it shipped home to Subiaco.

"It had a shonky restoration job done on it at that stage but it was drivable," he said.

About three years ago, Mark decided it was time to work on it, and Dave – who had finished restoring a small Italian van with his son – offered to help him out with the "road kill".

Mark drove the vintage motor into Dave's garage and they began stripping it down, taking every piece apart.

"So every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon for three years we came down and did work and stayed committed," Dave said.

"I don't think we ever missed a session."

"Because there were two of us, we would always push each other along, but for one guy on his own it would have been a pain."

They put the finishing touches to the restoration last week.

Sourcing spare and new parts proved to be easy but the bodywork that had "classified" and



Wheely good mates ... Mark Young, left, and Dave Pretty brought the 1969 Alfa Romeo back to life. Photo: Paul McEovern. (INSET) Before work began.

years of dirt and damage was the biggest challenge, with sections having to be replaced or extensively renovated.

Mark said it had been a rewarding experience.

"I'm amazed we could bring it back from what it was," he said.

"We had to replace the suspension, which has transformed it from a car that shook and shivered to one that drives perfectly."

"It's virtually the same as the day it rolled out of the factory –

there are no modifications, the only difference is the colour, originally it was maroon."

Mark said the project had cost "to the tune" of \$75,000 but had been worth it.

"You have to be prepared to spend on it," Mark said. "You can't do it on the cheap – if you are going to do it, do it properly."

"The lucky thing is that the value of the car has gone up dramatically in the past three or four years as this model is

highly sought after."

"It made it easier and made sense as a project when the value went up, it was more good luck than good management ..."

"But it was done for the love of driving."

"I love driving, I got my full licence when I was 15 in New Zealand, they didn't muck around with P-plates then."

"I've got two other Alfas, but nothing like this one."

"I'm addicted to the brand."



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SPECIAL SATURDAY CLUB MEETING AT MICHAEL BARRENGER'S GARAGE



Saturday 12th May 2018

Starts at 13:30 until 15:30

194 South Terrace, Como, WA, 6152
(Enter through the garage behind this property)

- Michael Barrenger will show AROCA WA club members what is going on in his workshop.
- This is a special event, held on Saturday 12th May, starting at 1:30PM.
- Informal food and drinks will be served as a part of this inspection.
- For the WA Alfa club's planning purposes, please advise the club secretary (secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com), whether you are intending to join us for this event.



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CLASSIC CARS & COFFEE



8.30-10.30am

No.3 Carpark, by the University Club

University of WA, Hackett Drive, Crawley

2018 dates:

January 28, February 18, March 11, April 29, May 27, June 17

July 20, September 9, October 14, November 18, December 30

Suggested \$10 donation in support of The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia



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Note an error in dates appears in the above ad. – it should read Sunday July 22nd.

The committee of AROCA WA has agreed to support the new “Classic Cars & Coffee” Sunday morning (approximately) monthly event. Those who have been to recent meetings have seen how worthwhile it is to attend. You can view a large number of impressive Classic Cars encompassing almost marques. With that in mind, AROCA WA club members might wish to attend an upcoming Cars & Coffee display. In addition, members might consider lunch or a brunch after “cars & coffee”. In time, this could become part of an associated AROCA WA monthly run.

Please see the events calendar which lists all 2018 future dates of Classic Cars & Coffee.

Note that the next event will be held Sunday, May 27th. It will run from 8:30 am - 10:30 AM, at the University of Western Australia, Car Park 3 (next to the UWA staff club) which is off Hackett Drive in Nedlands, WA, 6009.

Please also note that it might be wise to get to this event early. Classic Cars & Coffee is rapidly becoming an extremely busy auto enthusiasts event.

View this google map reference should you need to see event location details. [+ Google Map](#)





BRITISH CAR DAY AT GINGIN
Sunday 20th May 2018

Please email Richard Peirce if you are coming to this event: rjpeirce@inet.net.au





TRIP WITH FIAT-LANCIA CAR CLUB
ON NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY
SUNDAY 20TH MAY



To celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day on Sunday 20th May, the Fiat-Lancia car club is planning to run a day trip down to Dwellingup. It has invited members of the WA Alfa club to come along and join with the Fiats and Lancias on this Sunday drive.

The last time the Fiat-Lancia car club toured down to Dwellingup was in June 2013. This year will involve a slightly different run, but it will still be an interesting drive. Dwellingup is a very popular day drive for many people from Perth and its surroundings afford us the opportunity to display our vehicles to the general public.

It is proposed that all Fiat, Lancia and Alfa owners should gather at Piney Lakes, Murdoch from 8.45 AM on Sunday 20th May. Departure will be at 9.00 AM. Run sheets will be handed out on the day. The drive should take approximately 2.5 hours, including a short stop for morning tea.

There are three cafes in Dwellingup, but BBQ facilities are also available for a bring-your-own BBQ picnic lunch for those preferring to have lunch *Al Fresco*.

Please advise the Lancia Fiat club if you intend to join this drive.

Contact: Rob Rowbottam
ORGANISER, Fiat-Lancia Club of WA
Email: president@fiatlancia.org.au





Scenes at last year's Albany Round the Houses weekend



Scenes at last year's Albany Round the Houses long weekend





ALBANY AROUND THE HOUSES

Saturday 2nd June & Sunday 3rd June 2018

- For entrant applications see [VSCCWA Website](#)
- For past results visit [Natsoft Website](#)
- For Festival enquiries see [Facebook](#) (see link below), or contact Vicki on 0417 269 477 or email her on: vicki@albanyclassic.com
- For the 2018 Exhibitor Form click [here](#) to download

The Albany Classic Motor Event runs through the heart of Albany's CBD, overlooking the ANZAC Peace Park and Princess Royal Harbour. This spectacle of historic motor sport presents a wide variety of cars from vintage wire wheels, post-vintage and classics as well as open wheel racers and big cube muscle cars. This event is part of the WA Regularity Championship. It is organised locally by the Albany Organising Committee with the Vintage Sports Car Club of WA (VSCCWA).

- Saturday- Mt Clarence Hill Climb from 09:00
- Sunday- CBD car events & festival start 09:30 ([link event to program](#))
- Alison Hartman Gardens for circus, entertainment & market stalls ([link to festival program](#))
- St John's Church grounds for children's activities

In 2017, there were more than 150 entrants including a 1926 Salmson GSS with its 1.1 litre engine and a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro of over 5.8 litres. Many of the cars competing were created in the earliest days of Australian motorsport including specials from Miller, Bartlett and Brax. In the other categories you'll see Alfa Romeo, GT40, Lotus, Mustang, Elfin, Jaguar, Porsche, Bolwell, Simca, Lola and many more.

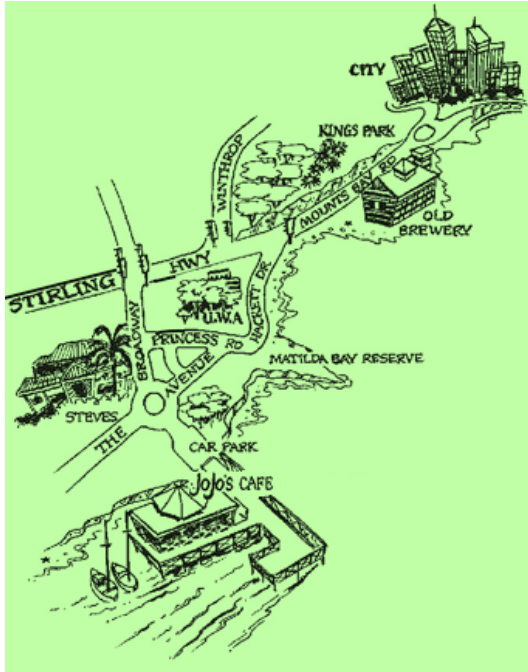
Albany first experienced motor racing in 1936 with the 'WA 50 Mile T.T. Car Race'. This was the first round the houses style race in Australia and was run over a 4-mile circuit through the town. The modern layout follows part of the revised 1938 Grand Prix circuit and is 1.5 km in length overlooking the picturesque Princess Royal Harbour.

The Albany Classic is the premier round the houses historic regularity event in Australia and is one of only two events of its type still going today. The modern event is as much a festival as serious motorsport but now caters for the whole family and a diverse range of motoring interest. Crowds line the city streets to witness the enthralling sight of vintage and classic cars taking part in the annual motor event. This year, cars covering 87 years of motoring development are competing or on display.

Check up-to-date news and information at: www.facebook.com/albanyclassiccars



AROCA WA BIRTHDAY DINNER



DATE: **Saturday 23rd June 2017**

VENUE: Acqua Viva on Swan

TIME: Pre-dinner drinks at 18:30

Dinner Seating from 19:00

PRICE: The dinner cost is \$50.00 per person. Wine is provided.

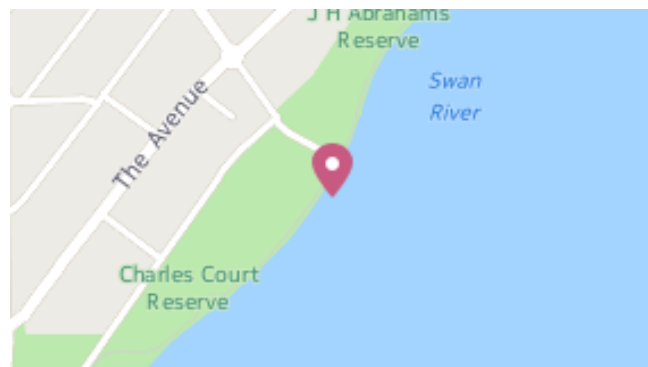
BAR: A full bar is also available.

RESERVATION: Please confirm your reservation soon for the AROCA Birthday dinner which will be held on Saturday 23rd June. Use the reservation form provided below.

VENUE LOCATION: *Acqua Viva on the Swan is situated on Jojo's Jetty, at the Swan River end of the Broadway, Nedlands, 6009.*

VENUE PHONE: (08) 9386 7711

INTERNET: www.acquaviva.com.au





BOOK HERE TO ATTEND THE 2018 ALFA CLUB BIRTHDAY DINNER

NO OF ATTENDEES: _____

FIRST NAME(S): _____

SURNAME: _____

PARTNER'S NAME: _____

MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS YES NO

(Please specify) _____

The dinner is priced at \$50.00 per person.

You can pay by cheque, or electronically. If you decide to pay by cheque, please make it payable to AROCA WA and post it to AROCA WA, c/- P.O. Box 8231, Perth BC, WA, 6849.

However, preferably, the club would appreciate it if you paid your registration for this event directly by electronic transfer into the club's bank account using the following details:

AROCA WA. BSB: 736-054. Acc.: 070313.

Note that if paying electronically, you should include your *surname* and the words **2018 Dinner** in the payment reference.

Whichever way you chose to pay, it would be most appreciated if you could advise the club, via email, that you have paid – i.e., regardless of whether you have done so by electronic funds transfer, or by cheque.

Please also complete the form provided above on this page and post it to the club's mailing address, or, again preferably, please email it directly to Greg Smith, the Club Secretary of AROCA WA:
secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com





AROCA WA EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

Event	Event Date	Event Coordinator
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" At UWA, Crawley, 08:30–10:30AM.	Sunday, 28 th January 2018 (WA)	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
SPETTACOLO, AROCA VIC Xavier College Oval, Barkers Road, Kew Victoria. 09:00 to 15:00	Sunday, 28 th January 2018 (VIC)	AROCA Vic's annual Alfa Romeo display (with up to 350 Alfa Romeos present)
FEBRUARY AROCA CLUB NIGHT Sunset Coastal run and Italian dinner. See announcement.	Tuesday, 6 th February 2018	Richard Peirce / Greg Smith Meet 6pm, Capt. Munchies, Beach Road, Fremantle
INFORMAL ALFA RUN 3 rd Sunday in the month informal run	Sunday, 18 th February 2018.	See announcement in this newsletter
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" At UWA, Crawley, 08:30–10:30AM.	Sunday, 18 th February 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
"BLOW THE COBWEBS OUT RUN" OVERNIGHT TO JURIEBAY View Private Collection of Vincent HRD Motor bikes: biggest in Southern Hemisphere. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perth startpoint for pre departure breakfast • Lunch in the park at Jurieb Bay • View motorbike collection • Overnight in Cervantes • Lazy Sunday Morning, or visit the Pinnacles • Sunday drive, back south • Yanchep Inn, light lunch 	Saturday 24 th to Sunday 25 th , February 2018	Rod Quinn. See advertisement and article below in this Newsletter.
MARCH AROCA CLUB NIGHT Pizza night – meet at Kings Park by 18:15 to drive to Maylands in convoy.	Tuesday, 6 th March, 2017	Amore Mio pizza restaurant, 279 Guildford Road, Maylands.
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" At UWA, Crawley, 08:30–10:30AM.	Sunday, 11 th March 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
SHANNONS CLASSIC CAR SHOW Ascot Racecourse. We will have a club display space at this show.	Sunday 18 th March 2018	NOTE: Club display cancelled
INFORMAL ALFA RUN 3 rd Sunday in the month informal run	Sunday, 18 th March 2017.	See announcement in this newsletter
"ALFESTA" THE AROCA NATIONAL EASTER MEETING Annual national meeting.	Friday, March 30 th to Monday, 2 nd April 2018	CANCELLED DUE TO VERY LOW NUMBER OF AROCA NATIONAL REGISTRANTS
APRIL AROCA CLUB NIGHT Meeting cancelled due to proximity to Easter. See May meeting.	Tuesday 3 rd April 2018	Club event replaced by April 8th run to Northam – see event listed below.
CLUB RUN TO NORTHAM FOR THE "NORTHAM FESTIVAL OF MOTOR SPORT" (Weekend of April 7 & 8)	Sunday 8 th April, 2018	Ian Glover will organize this Sunday day trip to see the motor sport festival





INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 15 th April 2018.	
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 29 th April 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
ALFA STELVIO LAUNCH <i>WA Art Gallery - also includes a viewing of the Corsini Exhibition. 19:00 til 21:00</i>	Friday 20 th April	Barbagallos has invited AROCA WA members to attend this launch event and view the Corsini exhibition
MAY CLUB NIGHT <i>Gather at "Henry on 8th" restaurant in Maylands at 19:00 - drinks and dinner.</i>	Tuesday 1 st May 2018	Greg Smith / Andrew Murray / Rod Quinn
GARAGE DAY <i>Michael Berringer's Garage</i>	Saturday 12 th May 2018	Michael Berringer's garage: See announcement in this newsletter
"BRITISH CAR DAY RAID" <i>On national motoring heritage day, the Alfa Club will hold a run to the British car day at Gin Gin. The trip will stop for morning coffee, en-route.</i>	Sunday, 20 th May 2018	Richard Peirce is organizing; details to be announced
NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY DRIVE TO DWELLINGUP <i>Alternatively, on National Motoring Heritage Day, the Alfa club is invited to join the Fiat-Lancia car club's event.</i>	Sunday, 20 th May 2018	Rob Rowbottom, Fiat Lancia club, is organizing. All Alfa club members are invited to join this event.
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 20 th May 2017	<i>Note that the British car day raid or the Dwellingup trips replace this event on this occasion</i>
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 27 th May 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
ALBANY "ROUND-THE-HOUSES" <i>South West weekend, including dinner on the Saturday night for Alfa members in attendance.</i>	Saturday, 2 nd to Monday, 4 th June, 2018	Andrew Murray. June long weekend. NOTE: An AROCA WA team is competing. Attending members should join the Saturday evening club dinner in Albany.
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 17th June 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 17 th June 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
CLUB BIRTHDAY DINNER <i>Dinner & presentation night. Jojos restaurant on the Swan River, Broadway, Nedlands.</i>	Saturday, 23rd June 2018	Nick Rahimtulla. See dinner announcement and event booking system elsewhere in this magazine.



JULY AROCA CLUB NIGHT <i>Night at Richards' Tyres night (tentative)</i>	Tuesday, 7 th July 2018	Details to follow
MID-WEEK RUN SOUTH <i>Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees. (Details TBD)</i>	Wednesday, 11 th July 2018	Tour Route and organiser, TBD
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 15 th July 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30-10:30AM</i>	Sunday, 22 nd July 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
WILDFLOWER RUN <i>A run through the wildflower country to a social lunch for AROCA WA members.</i>	Saturday, 19 th August, 2018	Tour Route and organiser, TBD
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 19 th August 2018	Wildflower run may replace this informal run for August
AROCA WA 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING <i>AGM and informal dinner, venue TBD.</i>	Tuesday, 4 th September, 2018	Andrew Murray
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 9 th September 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 16 th September 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
ITALIAN FESTIVAL TRACK DAY <i>Barbagallo Raceway, Wanneroo</i>	Sunday, mid-September 2018	Event yet to be announced
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 14 th October 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 21 st October 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
ROTARY ITALIAN CAR DAY <i>Gloucester Park</i>	Sunday, 4 th November 2018	Andrew Murray Details TBD
ANNUAL PASTA RUN <i>AROCA WA is again organizing this year's event for the WA Italian car cubs</i>	Sunday, 18 th November 2018 (tentative date)	Rod Quinn, Details TBD
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 18 th November 2018	Pasta run to replace the informal run for this month
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 18 th November 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
AROCA WA CHRISTMAS LUNCH <i>Venue TBD</i>	Sunday 2 nd December 2018 (tentative date)	Details TBD
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 16 th December 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE" <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 30 th December 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map

Be sure to mark these dates in your diary!



AROCA ACTIVITIES AROUND AUSTRALIA

AROCA SA

6 May 2018	Peter Hall Memorial 6-hour regularity run, Mallala Park	Mark Thomas (Competition secretary) 0423.792.150
27 May 2018	Economy Run	Ian Slape 0407.274.500

AROCA QLD

20 May 2018	Willowbank to Spicers Gap run	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773
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AROCA VIC

11 May 2018	Workshop visit to Mauceri Motors – Busso engine night	Claude Botti 0418.540.016
13 May 2018	Alfa Café Society, Tiamo restaurant, Lygon St., Carlton.	Colin Thomas 0418.565.700

AROCA NSW

03–07 May 2018	Canberra chapter & Victorian Division's Alpine tour	Martin Leaver 0408 986 128'
09 September 2018	Concorso Eleganza	Eddy Failla 0418 111 760

Check these interstate AROCA links for other upcoming events:

AROCA: <http://www.alfaclub.org.au>
NSW AROCA: <http://www.alfaclubnsw.org.au>
AROCA QLD: <http://www.arocaqld.com>
AROCA SA: <http://alfaclubsa.org.au>
AROCA VIC: <http://www.alfaclubvic.org.au>



Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia (Victoria Division) presents

ALFESTA 2019

Alfa Romeo Club Nationals

In conjunction with AROCA 50th anniversary



Mornington Peninsula Victoria

Wine & Dine, Observation Run, Show & Shine, Gala Dinner

Easter 19th - 22nd April 2019

All info: Alfesta2019.alfaclubvic.org.au





CLUB COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP



Alfa Romeo Owners Club WA Competition Championship 2018

Round	Date	Event	Club	Activity	Location
1	24/2	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbagallo Raceway
2	17/3	Speed Event Series	Motoring South West	Hill Climb	Collie
3	18/3	Speed Event Series	Motoring South West	Super Sprint	Collie
4	31/3	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbagallo Raceway
5	8/4	Northam Flying 50	Vintage Sport Car Club	Regularity	Northam
6	22/4	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbagallo Raceway
7	2/6	Albany Windfarm	Great Southern Street Machine	Hill Climb	Albany
8	3/6	Albany Classic	Vintage Sport Car Club	Regularity	Albany
9	7/7	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbagallo Raceway
10	22/9	Speed Event Series	WA Sporting Car Club	Hill Climb	Jack's Hill
11	4/10	Speed Event Series	Speed Event	Hill Climb	Meelup Beach Road
12	2/12	Vintage Stampede	Vintage Sport Car Club	Regularity	Barbagallo Raceway

For Competitors to enter any of the above events, you need to log on the respective website (see below) and fill in your forms and make arrangement for the necessary payments as requested by the organising entity.

WA Sporting Car Club: <https://www.wascc.com.au>

Speed Event Series: <http://speedeventseries.org>

Vintage Sport Car Club WA: <http://www.vscclwa.com.au>

When entering an event please contact the Competition Coordinator with the result of the event. Points will be allocated based on the number of entrants in the event.

Six of the above event will count towards the Competition Club Championship.

Competition Coordinator contact details

Ivan Olsen 0418921225.

ivan.olsen@mrarogroup.com.au





AROCA WA'S MONTHLY INFORMAL CLUB RUN PROGRAM

DATES: Every third Sunday of the month
TIME: 09:30am for coffee with a 10:00am tour departure
STARTING POINT: Boatshed café, South Perth. See: <https://goo.gl/maps/KVSxLuP4Atx>

Since the 3rd Sunday April informal run, the club uses only one starting point for all participants. Every Alfa club 3rd Sunday informal run in 2018 will start from the South Perth foreshore at 10:00AM.

Park in the Coode Street car park, near to the Boatshed café and the water ramp in the park.

Arrive early and enjoy coffee at the café before departure.



These informal trips should depart soon after 10:00am on each date. The intention is that the run can commence once participating members decide to depart from the starting point. Note that individuals or informal groups can do this as soon as they like after 10:00. The event may involve only an individual vehicle or club member drivers in small groups, who should feel free to decide upon an appropriate trip itinerary on the day.

BACKGROUND TO THE INFORMAL RUN PROGRAM:

The committee commenced the informal program of club runs in February 2017. The concept is that all members, but especially those with concessionally-licensed vehicles, now have an additional monthly informal run opportunity when they can individually and legally exercise their "limited license" vehicles on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Meanwhile, the Alfa club's normal annual program of longer runs and lunches continues unchanged. This new and very informal program is an additional opportunity for you to drive your WA-registered concessionally-licensed vehicle.

CLUB RUN DATES: *Third Sunday of each month*
except whenever a significant club event is scheduled the same day.



AROCA WA FINANCIAL REPORT, 30 APRIL 2018

INCOME

Membership – Family	\$ 3,520.00
Mystery Weekend	\$
Italian Car Day Breakfast	\$ 360.00
Birthday Dinner	\$
Social Events/ Pasta Run	\$ 4,760.00
Xmas Lunch	\$ 1,950.00
Merchandise Sales/ Door sale	\$ 484.50
Club Meeting Drinks/ Food	\$
Advertising	\$ 852.00
Bank Interest	\$ 1.25
Transfer from Investment A/c	\$ 500.00
SUB TOTAL	\$ 12,427.75

EXPENDITURE

CAMS- CMC Subscription	\$ 600.00
Pasta Run Deposit	\$ 4,550.00
Postage/Petties/Rental	\$ 348.70
Birthday Dinner	\$
Merchandise	\$ 74.00
Rent LCC 2016/2017	\$
Italian Car Day	\$ 450.00
Club Meeting Food/Drinks/AGM	\$ 382.50
Website	\$ 104.50
Trophies	\$ 295.20
Investment Account	\$ 4,000.00
Christmas Function	\$ 1,962.00
SUB TOTAL	\$ 12,766.90

EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE - \$ 339.15

BANK RECONCILIATION

Opening Balance	\$ 1,459.71
Receipts	\$ 12,427.75
Payments	\$ 12,766.90
BALANCE	\$ 1,120.56

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$ 15,489.68
Transfer from main account	\$ 4,000.00
Transfer to Main Account	-\$ 500.00
Interest	\$ 76.10
BALANCE	\$ 19,065.78



1939 ALFA ROMEO 8C 2900B LUNGO SPIDER HIGHEST AUCTION PRICE FOR ANY PRE-WAR CAR (AS OF 2016)



1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider by Touring
– all photos courtesy Darin Schnabel ©2016, RM
Sotheby's

A 1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider by Touring was sold by RM Sotheby's at its Monterey auction in August 2016 for US\$19,800,000. This is the highest price ever paid for a pre-Second World War car at public auction (up to August 2016, at least).

The Lungo Spider is also by far the most expensive Alfa Romeo ever sold at public auction and represents the eighth highest price ever paid for any car at public auction.

Until August 2016, the previous record for an Alfa Romeo was US\$9,427,600. That was paid for a [1935 Alfa Romeo Tipo C 8C-](#)





35 at Bonhams GoUSodwood Revival in 2013. The previous record for a pre-world war II car was set at US\$11,770,000 for a 1936 Mercedes Benz 540K Spezial Roadster at Gooding's Pebble Beach auction in 2012. Before that, the only other pre-war car that had ever sold for more than US\$10 million at auction was a 1931 Duesenberg Model J Long-Wheelbase Coupe. It achieved US\$10,340,000 at Gooding Pebble Beach in 2011.

The 1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900 cars of the late 1930s were amongst the most powerful and most prestigious sport cars on the market. Like the Bugatti Atlantics, these large Alfa Romeos were fast and used the latest technology. This contrasted with the reliable but more conservative Mercedes Benz 540Ks or Duesenbergs of the period.

Only 32 of the 2.9 chassis were ever made, of which only 12 were fitted with Touring Spider bodies. The record breaking 1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider is one of only seven with bodywork by Carozzeria Touring on the long chassis.

This record-setting car has a slightly problematic history with not all of its components being original to the specific car. However, the bidders seemed to have agreed with marque specialist Simon Moore on the origins of the car. The history of this Alfa Romeo is only known, and also only partly, since 1949. The car was imported then into Brazil and then used for racing on a shortened chassis with a different body and a Chevrolet engine.



It seemed that the original Touring body had ended up in Argentina. It was only during the 1990s that the chassis was again lengthened. The handmade coachwork fitted so precisely that marque experts were convinced that it must have been from the original body. A complete and original 8C 2900B engine was sourced to replace the racing Chevrolet engine.

During the past two decades, Sam and Emily Mann had driven 12,000 miles in this 1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider. This level of use is significantly greater than many of the modern super and hyper cars which are offered at major auctions.



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AROCA WA'S DRIVE FOR INCREASED CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Alfa Club is keen to increase the number of active members in the club among Western Australian Alfisti.

Please consider becoming a member of the club so that you can fully participate in AROCA WA's full range of social, touring and competition-based activities.

Whether you wish to become a new member, or you if have yet to pay your AROCA WA Subscription for the current financial year, please complete the information request on the next page and pay your subscription amount to the club, following one of the alternative methods outlined below.

The annual fee is \$80.00.

You can either pay this by cheque, payable to AROCA WA.

Send it to AROCA WA, c/- P.O. Box 8231, Perth BC, WA, 6849.

Or you can pay directly by electronic transfer into the club's bank account using the following details:

AROCA WA. BSB: 736-054. Acc.: 070313.

(Note that if you are paying electronically, please include your name in the payment reference and advise the club via email.)

Full Membership \$80 (1st July 2016 - 30th June 2017)

Associate Membership \$80 (1st July 2016 - 30th June 2017)

Note also that the club committee has agreed that the same fee level will apply for the next financial year – 2017-18.





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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO JOIN AROCA WA
(OR FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL)

FIRST NAME(S): _____

SURNAME: _____

PARTNER'S NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____

STATE: _____ POSTCODE: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NEW MEMBER, CURRENTLY PAID-UP MEMBER (OR PAST MEMBER):

MEMBER NUMBER: _____

CURRENT MEMBER: YES NO PAST MEMBER: YES NO

LAST YEAR AS AN AROCA WA MEMBER: _____

ALFA ROMEO (AND OTHER VEHICLES) OWNED:

Manufacturer	Type	Year	Colour	Registration OR Concession Plate # <i>(if applicable)</i>

Please complete the above and email it to Ian Glover, the Membership Secretary of AROCA WA at ian.glover@corrotek.com.au

Please also note that data for concession plate holders must be provided annually by the club due to Western Australian state regulatory requirements.