

ALFA OCCIDENTALE

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Dear Western Australian Alfisti,

This is the eleventh edition of **ALFA OCCIDENTALE** – the electronic newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (WA Division).

Any contributions that you would like to see included in future editions of this newsletter are most welcome.

Please send these articles, photos, used car ads., etc., to the club, care of:

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This, the first issue for 2018, provides you with summaries of recent club events; the 2017 annual pasta run and the Christmas function. It also outlines the upcoming 2018 schedule, and includes information on our next competition, social and club driving events.

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CLUB NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The AROCA WA club committee's draft 2018 program is presented below in this issue of Alfa Occidentale (#11). Among upcoming events, please consider attending as many of the following as you are able. Also note that additional details concerning all of these events appears later in this Newsletter.

- There will be an evening sunset coastal run held on Tuesday 6th February. This event will be held as the club's February club night.
- The club's birthday dinner will be held on Saturday, June 23rd. Again, it will be held at JoJo's on the Swan in Nedlands. Put this date in your calendar.
- The Italian car day will again be held in November; details to be advised later.
- A pizza night will be held as the March club night. More will follow shortly.
- The 2018 Pasta Run will again be run with AROCA WA acting as the event organizer. The Pasta Run date has been tentatively set for November 18th.
- 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.
- Normal monthly club nights during 2018 will include a garage visit to see Michael Barringer's car collection. (Hopefully this can be rescheduled for April.) Also do look out for a club night visit to meet with Richard Wilson of Richard's tyres.
- The club's 2018 Show 'n' Shine event will be held on a date to be determined.
- The club has requested that Barbagallo runs an Alfa club night at their showroom for WA Alfa club members to view the new Alfa Romeo Stelvio.
- The club is planning to run two separate weekends away during 2018: to the North at the end of February (on 24- 25 February; see announcement below), and another in the spring, possibly heading southwards.
- An inter-club competitive Point to point program will operate in 2018. This series will also be starting on 24th February. Note that this is a new series of competitive WA events. More details will follow.
- The Shannons Classic Car Show is scheduled for March 18th. It was agreed by the committee that AROCA WA will attend this event at Ascot racecourse. Therefore, the





club is requesting that all AROCA WA club members provide feedback to the committee and/or the club secretary regarding their interest in attending. It was noted that all club members will need be in possession of an issued ticket if they are to attend and display a vehicle at this event.

- Ivan Olsen is preparing a calendar of competition events for publication in the next newsletter and on the club's website.
- At its last meeting, the club committee agreed that the new **"Cars and Coffee" Sunday morning, monthly event** is a worthwhile opportunity for AROCA WA. Therefore, we are advertising all future Cars and Coffee monthly meetings in Alfa Occidentale. (See below). The Committee believes that Cars and Coffee is a means for us to attract new members, as well as to view a large number of impressive classic cars. Therefore, the committee is suggesting that members consider attending an upcoming Cars & Coffee display event. In addition, club members might wish to consider a post "cars & coffee" lunch or brunch that, in time, may become part of an associated monthly run. See the events calendar below for all 2018 future dates of Cars & Coffee. Note that the next event will be held on the Australia Day weekend on Sunday January 28th and run from 8:30 am - 10:30 AM, at the University of Western Australia, Car Park 3 (i.e., next to the UWA staff club), off Hackett Drive, Nedlands, WA 6009. [+ Google Map](#)

- Again, at the last AROCA WA committee meeting, discussion ensued regarding the vexed issue of CODE 404 for concessionally licensed club vehicles. It is important to note in this regard that Code 404 was only designed for standard, original vehicles; not for modified vehicles. At the last meeting of the CMC, this topic was the subject of considerable discussion. The AROCA WA committee agreed that there should be some political lobbying for modified vehicles to ultimately be considered in a similar manner for concessional licenses, or for them to obtain their own concessional code. The club is aware that this could involve a five-year (or more) effort and, quite possibly it prove unlikely to ever be successful. Nonetheless the committee agreed on the following:
 - The Alfa club in WA endorses that there should be a concessional category for modified vehicles. The Club's CMC representative is authorized by the committee to pursue the CMC concerning new legislation in WA for modified vehicles and to offer support from AROCA WA for any effort led by the CMC to pursue legislative modification.
 - It was agreed that there does need to be a push from all WA car clubs to both the CMC and CAMS in order for them to drive some form of national initiative that seeks to standardize legislation between the states for modified cars, as well as for unaltered cars. It was noted that these national car enthusiast groups may have more potential to drive change than does any individual club, or club division. The WA Alfa club also intends to raise this issue with AROCA's national coordinator.

Lastly, at the January 2018 AROCA WA committee meeting, the Treasurer, Nick Rahimtulla, presented the club's financial details out to the end of calendar 2017. The treasurer noted that the club currently has \$19k in the bank and is in a healthy financial condition. Furthermore, he observed that the club's Christmas function broke even. In fact, the committee was advised that most club functions have been running close to break-even. A 2017 year-end financial report appears below in this newsletter.





W A I T A L I A N C A R C L U B S J O I N T 2 0 1 7 A N N U A L P A S T A R U N

The annual joint Italian car clubs Pasta Run was held on November 19th 2017. Rod Quinn of the WA Alfa club was its primary organizer. A great turn out for the event was achieved.

After a morning run through the Perth hills, about 150 pasta run attendees converged on the the International Inn on the Water (i.e., the former Ascot Inn) alongside the Swan River. Everyone attending enjoyed pasta, drinks, the sunshine, catching up with fellow car people, on a perfect late Spring Sunday afternoon. Some photos from this event appear below.





ALFA CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

AROCA WA's Christmas lunch was held on Sunday, December 3rd 2017. The event started at Fiori Coffee in Middle Swan, where some members found that they had a long wait for coffees they had ordered. However, all club members eventually drove off in Alfias, close to the intended departure time, for the drive through the Perth hills, finally arriving around midday at the "Vineyard Kitchen" in the Bickley Valley for lunch.

The Christmas lunch at the vineyard kitchen was excellent. Although it was a very hot day, the breeze under the shade of the restaurant's treed garden made the afternoon a pleasant one.

Below please note a set of photos from the club's Christmas lunch event.



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Some of Santa's red cars seen at the lunch



Awards for the 2017 "Show 'n' Shine" were presented during the WA Alfa club's Christmas lunch by club President, Andrew Murray. Seen pictured are Andrew with Rod Quinn and Rod's daughter, Nadia. Nadia collected the overall Show 'n' Shine award on behalf of her mother, Rita, who couldn't attend the lunch. Meanwhile Rod was announced as the winner of the 105 series Show 'n' Shine award and completed a Quinn family "clean sweep".



AROCA WA FEB 2018 CLUB NIGHT: SUNSET SUMMER COASTAL DRIVE & ITALIAN DINNER



- DATE:** Tuesday 6th February, 2018
- START TIME:** 18:00 (i.e., 6:00PM)
- MEETING PLACE:** **Carpark at Captain Munchies on Beach Street, Fremantle**
The carpark is adjacent to "Captain Munchies" on Beach Street, Fremantle, near the railway line. Park opposite the Australian Hotel, near to intersection of Beach and Parry Streets. Plenty of free parking is available.
- THE DRIVE:** We will travel along the coast, heading north from Fremantle via Cottesloe, City Beach, Scarborough, etc., to observe the sunset; ending up in a friendly Italian restaurant at Hillary's boat harbour for a club-night dinner.
- DINNER VENUE:** **Mia Cucina Restaurant, Hillarys Boat harbour**
1/45 Northside Drive, Hillarys, WA, 6025. Ph: (08) 9448 1753
Note that dinner is timed to start after 19:00 (i.e. 7PM)
- WHO TO CONTACT:** Email either Greg Smith (grsmith@bigpond.net.au); or Richard Peirce (rjpeirce@inet.net.au) to advise that you (and partner?) will be attending.
- MEAL PAYMENT:** Dinner payment at Mia Cucina should be made on the night. A cash only meal and drinks payment of \$23 per person basis (food and one drink) is required. Extras (e.g. additional drinks, food etc.) are to be paid in cash separately.



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DINNER MENU AT MIA CUCINA TUESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL - three choices

- **CALAMARI (C)** Lightly coated in seasoned flour with a touch of chilli, shallow fried & served with a crisp salad & tartare dipping sauce
 - Add fries, extra \$3

OR

- **CHILLI MUSSELS (L)(C)**
 - Steamed & sautéed with garlic & chilli in napolitano sauce, served with a slice of Mia's delicious garlic bread
 - Extra slice garlic bread \$2

OR

- **PIZZA** Choice of any pizza from our menu
- With a glass of High Tide SBS or Cabernet Merlot, Cascade Light, Carlton Mid or VB
- **COST PER PERSON: \$23 (Cash required)**
- **A FULL A LA CARTE MENU IS ALSO AVAILABLE** *(Also note that full prices will apply if attendees are sharing meals)*





AROCA WA EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

26th January 2018 version

Event	Event Date	Event Coordinator
GARAGE DAY AND BBQ POSTPONED	<i>Sat 20th January,</i> <i>2018</i>	<i>Michael Berringer</i>
"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 Jurien 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.
MID-WEEK RUN NORTH Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees.	Late February, 2018. (Date and run details to be advised)	TBD. May be replaced by the Jurien bay weekend tour?
MARCH AROCA CLUB NIGHT Pizza night – venue to be announced.	Tuesday, 7 th March, 2017	TBD
"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	Sunday 18 th March 2018	Details to follow
INFORMAL ALFA RUN 3 rd Sunday in the month informal run	Sunday, 18 th March 2017.	See announcement in this newsletter



APRIL AROCA CLUB NIGHT <i>Tentative meeting night at Barbagallo showroom, Osbourne Park. View the newly arrived Alfa Romeo Stelvio</i>	Tuesday 4 th April 2018	Greg Smith (TBD)
RUN TO NORTHAM FOR THE "NORTHAM FLYING 50" <i>Round-the-houses event in Northam</i>	Sunday 8 th April, 2018	Details of trip to Northam to be advised
GARAGE DAY AND BBQ <i>Michael Berringer's Garage</i>	Saturday 14 th April 2018	Michael Berringer's garage (TENTATIVE RESCHEDULE)
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 15 th April 2018.	Garage day may replace the informal run?
"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
"ALFESTA" THE AROCA NATIONAL EASTER MEETING <i>Annual national meeting - to be held on the harbour in North Sydney, NSW.</i>	Friday, March 30th to Monday, 2 nd April 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
MAY AROCA CLUB NIGHT <i>Night at Richards' Tyres night (tentative)</i>	Tuesday, 1st May 2018	TBD
"BRITISH CAR DAY RAID" <i>Club run to the British car day at Gin Gin. Morning coffee, en-route.</i>	Sunday, 20 th May 2018	Details to be announced
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 20 th May 2017	British car day raid may replace this informal run
"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. WA Labor Day long weekend. An AROCA WA team will be competing.
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, Nedlands.</i>	Saturday, 23rd June 2018	Nick Rahimtulla
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	Saturday, 19 th August, 2018	Tour Route and organiser, TBD



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<i>A run through the wildflower country to a social lunch for AROCA WA members.</i>		
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 clubs</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 IN OTHER STATES

(A SAMPLE ONLY)

AROCA SA

10 February 2018	Progressive dinner	Mark Thomas (Competition secretary) 0423.792.150
25 February 2018	MSCA trophy picnic – Paxton wines, McLaren Vale	
6 May 2018	Peter Hall Memorial 6-hour regularity run, Mallala Park	Mark Thomas (Competition secretary) 0423.792.150

AROCA QLD

18 February 2018	Mount Mee run	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773
29 April 2018	Beaudesert Rotary Observation run	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773
13 May 2018	Spicers Gap run	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773

AROCA VIC

28 January 2018	Spettacolo, Xavier College	John Hanslowe 0409 961 719
25 February 2018	AOMC Classic Showcase, Yarra Glen Racecourse	Mal Muir 0430 339 552
10–11 March 2018	Phillip Island Classic and club display	Paul O'Connor 0417 800 918
20 April 2018	Workshop visit – Alfa men	Colin Thomas 0407 090 826
21/2 April 2018	Workshop visit “Art on Wheels”	Colin Thomas 0407 090 826

AROCA NSW

17 – 18 February	Central West Gnoo Blas Classic Car weekend	Frankie Guinness 0410 452 897
29 March – 2 April 2018	Alfesta in Sydney	Steve Saladine, 0407 919 472
8 April 2018	AutoItalia Canberra	Martin Leaver 0408 986 128
13–16 April 2018	Hunter – Tenterfield weekend away	Col Goldie 02.4987.2310
03–07 May 2018	Canberra-Victorian 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>





**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

classiccarsandcoffee.com

Facebook icon

MeatUp icon

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 this coming Australia Day weekend on Sunday, January 28th. 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](#)





A R O C A W A B L O W O U T T H E C O B W E B S W E E K E N D R U N

Date: Saturday, 24th February 2018 - Sunday, 25th February 2018

Key Event: View Ian Boyd's Private Collection of Vincent HRD Motor bikes.
This is the biggest collection of Vincent Bikes in the Southern Hemisphere.



Program:

Saturday 24th February

- Perth starting point for pre-departure breakfast. (Details to be advised)
- Lunch in the park at Jurien Bay
- View the motorbike collection (See attached article on Ian Boyd's motorcycle collection at Jurien Bay.)
- Stay overnight in Cervantes
- Club dinner for travelling members and partners

Sunday 25th February

- Lazy Sunday Morning at Cervantes resort, or Visit the Pinnacles
- Sunday late morning drive, back south
- Stop at Yanchep Inn for a light lunch
- Return to Perth

Accommodation:

There are several places to stay in Cervantes, but we suggest:

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Cervantes Pinnacles Motel,
7 Aregon Street, Cervantes WA, 6511.
Tele: 08.9652.71454
Email: reservations.pinnacles@bigpond.com
Website: www.cervantespinnaclesmotel.com.au

Dinner:

Note that the Cervantes Pinnacles Motel is adjacent to the Cervantes resort where the club will hold a dinner on the Saturday night.



From HRD to Black Lightning & RTV1200: Ian Boyd's ultimate Vincent collection

(Edited from: www.bikeshedtimes.com)



When we asked Ian Boyd which of his bikes was his favourite, he answered: "All of them." Fair answer. But he dubbed this Norvin as "the most beautiful" in his collection.

The 'Nor' comes from the Norton featherbed frame; the 'vin' is the 1000cc Vincent engine.



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"THE POSTMAN" visited a motorcycle enthusiast with a globally significant collection of Vincent Motorcycles. West Australian Ian Boyd did not have any grand ambitions when he decided to start a motorcycle collection. He didn't even consciously decide to focus his efforts on Vincent motorcycles. His collection started with one Vincent and, well, one thing led to another.

That was 29 years ago, when Ian was a cray-fisherman pondering how to keep busy in his retirement. He has since amassed such an extraordinary collection of Vincent motorcycles that it is regularly referred to as the best in the world. And it's difficult to argue with that assertion.

Of all the models built by the revolutionary, but sadly short-lived British high-performance motorcycle manufacturer, Ian owns at least one of every model — except one. The ultra-rare White Shadow has so far eluded Ian's reach. Only 15 White Shadows were made, and their rarity and collectability were on show last year when a White Shadow (originally painted red, on special order) sold in the USA for \$434,000.

Not that anyone visiting Ian's custom-built bike display showroom, under the main roof of his home north of Perth, is likely to complain. For the most part, visitors are gob-smacked.



Thought you had a nice bike collection? THIS is a nice bike collection.

"I'm a hoarder, not a trader," Ian says. His hoarding has so far netted 69 bikes but he told us there are "seven more on the way". Ian's house was built to accommodate his collection of bikes and cars. "It was no good at my old house," he said. "There were bikes in the bedrooms, bikes in the passage; it was hopeless."

Most bike collectors would give their left arm (and probably part of their right) to have just one Vincent in the shed. Ian has 39. And perhaps even more extraordinary is that you could remove all of the Vincents from Ian's collection, and you'd still be left with a classic European bike stable to die for. (I'd been ogling the Vincents for a good 15 minutes or so before I noticed the Manx Norton — although I *had* noticed the 1970 E-type Jaguar). But it's the Vincents that steal the

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show. From a 1935/36 HRD TTR works bike through to Black Shadows and a Black Lightning, and on to a late 1990s RTV 1200 re-creation, Ian's bikes tell the Vincent story from pre-birth to stardom, and then from financial oblivion to attempted reincarnation.

All the Black Shadows supposedly had black engines — although this one of Ian's does not. "They were short on money by this stage, and couldn't afford the paint," he told us. Alongside the Black Shadow is an RTV1200; an Australian effort from the late 1990s intended to recreate the Vincent by blending that great old-motor styling and best-available technology for chassis, suspension and aerodynamics. The bike worked, but the business venture didn't. Ian's is one of only a handful that were made before the whole idea went belly-up.

For the uninitiated, the Vincent motorcycle story is a British story — but it's one with a strong Australian connection. But first, let's back up a little. The first Vincents wore a badge that read 'Vincent-HRD', with the 'HRD' prominent and the 'Vincent' under-stated. HRD were the initials of Howard Raymond Davies, a British soldier who survived being shot down and taken prisoner of war in World War One and who went on to design and sell high performance motorcycles under the HRD name. His bikes were mostly powered by JAP engines and were successful on the racetrack. (For the record, JAP engines are not from Japan. JAP was a very English firm created in the early 1900s by a chap named John Alfred Prestwich who used his initials to name his business, as was the practice in those days.)



It would be difficult to name the most famous of Vincent's bikes because almost all of them were extraordinary and all have become collectable classics. But the Black Shadow, launched in 1948 and capable of 125mph, is a star. It was, at the time, the fastest motorcycle in the world. Note the air-cooled twin front brakes (drums on both sides of the wheel) and the unmistakable Vincent V-twin engine.

The economics did not work out for HRD and Mr H.R.Davies, and the HRD name changed hands a couple of times, ending with another Brit by the name of Phil Vincent. Now, Phil wasn't short of a quid — his family had money from Argentinian cattle ranches, as one did — and had already built a bike of his own. He'd also designed and registered a patent for a cantilever rear suspension set-up. But he saw the economic sense in continuing to use the HRD name, since it had established significant racetrack credibility. Phil used the name Vincent-HRD from 1928



through to 1950, then changed it to 'The Vincent' — mostly because the company's marketing effort was aimed at America, and 'HRD' was seen to be too similar to Harley-Davidson's 'HD'.

Company founder Phil Vincent patented the cantilever design in 1928, at age 20.

The Australian connection to the Vincent story comes from a brilliant Victorian engineer by the name of Phil Irving. Phil had a motorcycle workshop in Ballarat in the late 1920s but, when the Great Depression forced him out of business he looked further afield for opportunities. A rather unusual opportunity came along in 1930 when he found himself being the mechanic and pillion on the back of a 600cc side-valve Vincent-HRD, undertaking a UK-to-Australia-and-back promotional ride.

That gig got Aussie-Phil Irving to the UK, and also made him visible to Brit-Phil Vincent. One thing led to another and, before long, Aussie-Phil and Brit-Phil had become great mates, and Aussie-Phil found himself on Brit-Phil's payroll. It was a successful pairing. In 1934, Aussie-Phil designed an overhead valve 500cc engine which became the basis for The Vincent Meteor and, later, the more racey Comet 500. But a greater contribution was yet to come. In 1936, or so the story goes, Aussie-Phil noticed two Comet 500 engine drawings lying on a table. The drawings were coincidentally resting in a V-formation, looking all the world like a 1000cc V-twin.

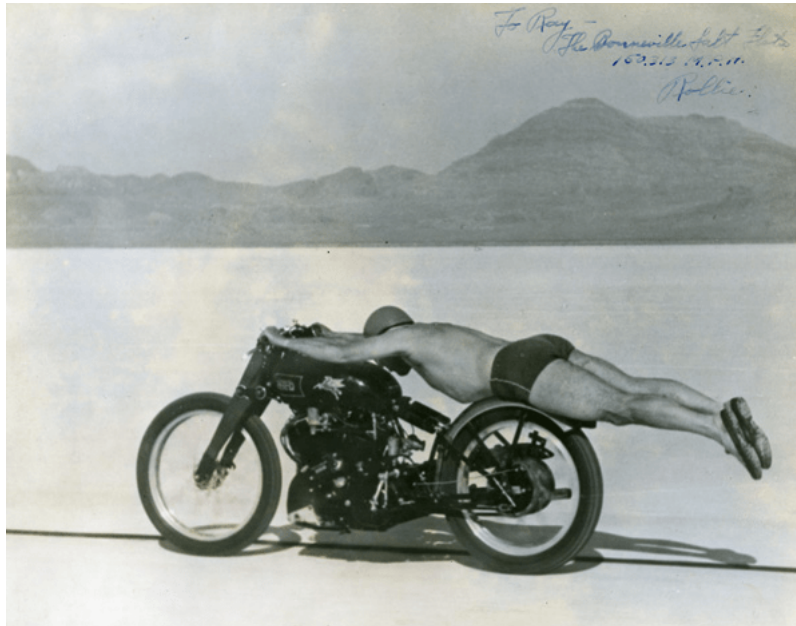


The earliest bike in Ian's collection is this 1935-36 Vincent-HRD 500 factory works bike. The bike was raced at the Isle of Man in 1935 by Ken Bills, but didn't finish.

Aussie-Phil and Brit-Phil agreed mating Comets was a grand idea, and so the 1000cc Vincent motor was born, in turn giving birth to the 45-horsepower 110mph Vincent Rapide. The Rapide evolved through multiple incarnations over the years including the legendary Black Shadow and the Shadow's high-performance sports variant, the Black Lightning, which used aluminium in place of steel wherever possible and weighed in at a startling 170kg (compared with the Black Shadow's 208kg).

ALFA OCCIDENTALE

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This is said to be the most famous motorcycle photograph in history.

It is generally (but not universally) agreed that American racer Rolland Free was riding a Black Lightning in 1955 when, wearing not very much at all, he set a world record speed of 184.83mph at the Bonneville salt flats. Amazingly, just as Rollie Free and that great photo were making Vincent a household name across the world, the end was nigh. Late in 1955, Brit-Phil announced that Vincent's bike-building days were over.





ALFESTA SYDNEY

29 MARCH – 2 APRIL 2018



Alfesta, the annual national AROCA members' Easter weekend, is hosted this year by AROCA NSW. This year's event includes the usual show 'n shine; a luncheon drive, harbour dinner cruise, and the Ray Sharp observation run. It ends with the formal presentation dinner.



The cruise with dinner while viewing the city's and harbour suburbs' lights should be an unforgettable experience. The observation run will be driven on interesting roads that show off the Sydney region's natural beauty.

ACCOMMODATION Rydges North Sydney, 54 McLaren Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060 Ph: 02 9922 1311 Email: reservations_rydgesnorthsydney@evt.com Booking Block ID: 498225 Booking Name: Alfesta 2018. Cost: \$179 per room per night – Deluxe Parkview Queen Room (1-2 Adults). \$259 per room per night. Two-bedroom suites (2 Adults & 2 Children)

ALFESTA EVENT COST Cost: \$575 per adult; \$200 per child under 12 years of age.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, Mar 29 – Welcome Function – Rydges Hotel
Friday, Mar 30 – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner – Show 'n Shine in the AM & PM
Saturday Mar 31 – Breakfast, drive to Lunch. Harbour Cruise including Dinner.
Sunday 1 Apr – Breakfast, Observation run Lunch. Formal Dinner & Presentation.
Monday 2 Apr – Farewell Breakfast

PAYMENTS

Accommodation. Attendees to arrange with, and pay direct to, Rydges North Sydney. Alfesta Event: Direct Deposit to Alfa Romeo Owners Club NSW; Commonwealth Bank Account – BSB: 062 203 Account No: 00901342. Please identify as "surnameAlfesta" Credit Card on Registration Form. If paying by cheque, please post to AROCA NSW – ALFESTA, PO Box 23R, Royal Exchange, NSW 1225. Registration closes – Friday 23 February

Please return your registration form (print this out from the website listed below): and return it by post or email to

alfestasydney@alfaclubnsw.org.au

For more information contact AROCA NSW president:

Steve Saladine Mob: 0407 919 472,

or email: alfestasydney@alfaclubnsw.org.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 DEC. 2017

INCOME

Membership – Family	\$ 3120.00
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	\$ 822.00
Bank Interest	\$ 0.91
Transfer from Investment A/c	\$ 500.00

SUB TOTAL \$ 11,997.41

EXPENDITURE

CAMS- CMC Subscription	\$ 600.00
Pasta Run Deposit	\$ 4,550.00
Postage/Petties/Rental	\$ 44.70
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 \$ 12,462.90

EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE - \$ 465.49

BANK RECONCILIATION

Opening Balance	\$ 1,459.71
Receipts	\$ 11,997.41
Payments	\$ 12,462.90

BALANCE \$ 994.22

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$ 15,489.68
Transfer from main account	\$ 4,000.00
Transfer to Main Account	- \$ 500.00
Interest	\$ 44.29

ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 19,033.97



CLUB COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP



While it is extremely unlikely that you will encounter snow or fog while you are competing in club competition events in Western Australia, the thrill of driving in these conditions can be exhilarating, but also scary.

This year, the inter-club competitive program will also include a Point-to-Point series. This new series of events will also commence over the weekend of 24th February 2018.

You should note that the Point-to-Point is a new series of competitive WA events. It will be running in addition to a number of the events that you already know well and will continue as in past years.

Please note that more details will be following soon in a separate note sent out to club members from the AROCA WA competition secretary, Ivan Olsen. (You can also contact Ivan by phone: 0418 921 225; or email: competitionsecarocawa1@gmail.com .



G O T O N E O F T H E S E ? A L F A R O M E O S C I G H E R A (1 9 9 7)



The Scighera concept car was designed by Italdesign in 1997 as a homage to Alfa's glory days on the track. While the car never went into production, it was sometimes observed in movies of the time.

The bonnet arose directly from the grille shield and the extreme shape incorporated a spoiler derived from Formula 1 cars. The windscreen design was inspired by cars of the 1950s and 1960s. The chassis extended at the side without affecting access to the car.



The car's window used a removable gull wing mechanism that allowed conversion into an open-topped 2-seater car that also had removable side windows. The large bonnet and wing was made in one piece. It opened in two movements: the first allowing refuelling, while the second gave access to the engine. The bonnet incorporated a window that allowed a glimpse of the power unit; more often see these days in cars such as Ferrari.

Italdesign built the Scighera as a working concept car. Fabrizio Giugiaro, the designer, was the son of Giugiaro senior; the man behind the 1971 Alfasud, 1974 VW Golf and 1980 Fiat Panda.

The Scighera's engine was placed in front of the rear axle. The 3-litre V6, twin-turbo DOCH 24-valve engine produced 400 HP, which accelerated the car from 0 to 100kph in 4.9 seconds. With all-wheel drive, a sequential six-speed gearbox, and an aluminium body fitted to a super lightweight aluminium-carbon fibre composite frame, the car's curb weight was only 1200 kg.





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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.

