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Dear Western Australian Alfisti,

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> 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, care of:



secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com

Is this the new Giulia GT for 2020 introduction?

In this second issue for 2018, issue # 12, please find summaries of recent club events, including the Sunset run of  $6^{th}$  February and the Blow the Cobwebs weekend run north which was held during the weekend of  $24/25^{th}$  February.

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

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#### 2018 AROCA WA COMMITTEE

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#### CLUB NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The current draft of the AROCA WA club committee's 2018 program is presented below in this issue of Alfa Occidentale (#12). Please consider attending as many of the club's upcoming events as you are able. Also note that additional details concerning all of these events appear later in this Newsletter.

- A pizza night will be held on 6th March. Attendees will meet in Kings Park for an 18:15 convoy run to Amore Mio restaurant in Maylands for the club night. See details below in this newsletter.
- 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.
- The club's birthday dinner will be held on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.
- The 2018 Pasta Run will again be run with AROCA WA acting as the event organizer. The Pasta Run date has been set for November 18<sup>th</sup> to be held at the same venue as the 23017 event.
- Normal monthly club nights during 2018 will include a garage visit to see Michael Barringer's car collection. Also do look out for a club night visit to meet with Richard Wilson of Richard's tyres, and another to see the new Alfa Stelvio SUV at Barbagallo's.
- 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 (the first was on 24-25 February; see the report on this tour below),
  Another weekend run is likely late in the winter/spring, possibly heading southwards.
- An inter-club competitive Point-to-point program is operating in 2018. This series started on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Note that this is a new series of competitive WA events. Competition Secretary, Ivan Olsen, has prepared a calendar of competition events.
- The Shannons Classic Car Show is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>. AROCA WA will attend this event at Ascot racecourse and a club display area has been set up for this purpose. Please provide the committee with feedback regarding your interest in attending. Note



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that club members will need an issued ticket in order to attend and display a vehicle.

• The "Cars and Coffee" Sunday morning monthly gatherings continue to grow in attendance. Many highly interesting cars are present. Events are held approximately monthly (Please see the dates list below in this newsletter) 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, 6009. + Google Map

# SUNSET COASTAL DRIVE & ITALIAN DINNER

On Tuesday 6th February, the first AROCA WA club night of the year involved an evening coastal run starting from Fremantle and driving up the coast, north via Cottesloe, City Beach, Scarborough, etc., to watch the sunset.

The run ended at Hillary's boat harbour where the group attended a club-night Italian dinner at Mia Cucina restaurant. 28 people attended; all but one team driving an Alfa Romeo.

The following photos were taken that evening.





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#### AROCA WA BLOW OUT THE COBWEBS WEEKEND RUN

Fourteen AROCA WA members and partners took off on Saturday morning 24<sup>th</sup> February from the Upper Reach vineyard café in the Swan Valley en-route for an afternoon viewing of Ian Boyd's magnificent collection of mostly Vincent motorcycles at his Jurien Bay house/museum. Photos of the Boyd collection appear below. Ian Boyd's Private Collection of Vincent HRD Motor bikes is the biggest collection of Vincent Bikes in the Southern Hemisphere.







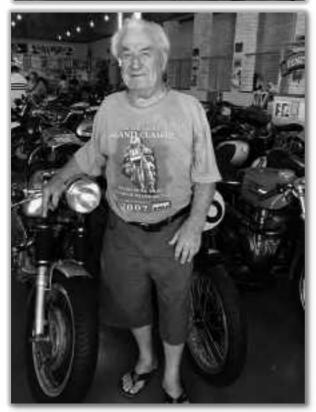


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Adjacent and above: Ian Boyd and his Vincent motorcycle collection, seen at his purpose-built museum house in Jurien Bay.



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Adjacent: The pier at Jurien Bay. Rita Quinn's 105 seen en route.

Following our inspection of the motorbike collection, the group drove on to overnight accommodation at the Cervantes Pinnacle Motel.

The group enjoyed a club dinner at Cervantes Country Club where lobster platters proved to be the universal favourite; especially given the discount offered by the motor inn to guests who chose to eat a crayfish at the country club.

After dinner, our "blow the cobwebs" tourists enjoyed an evening by the pool, tasting many wines, sharing Alfa stories and, occasionally, star-gazing. It was a late night!





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Sunday Morning began slowly for most with a leisurely breakfast at the motel, though one pair did manage a walk to the beach for a pre-breakfast swim.

Following breakfast, some of the tourists examined the stromatolites at Cervantes beach, others toured the Pinnacles national park, while several just drove back to Perth. After the previous evening's extended activities, no-one seemed that keen to stop for the intended lunch at the Yanchep Inn.

Thanks go to Rod Quinn for his organization of this great weekend run.







Above: The lobster platter at the Cervantes country club Scenes at the Pinnacles National Park



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# AROCA WA'S MARCH CLUB NIGHT Evening Drive & Pizza night TUESDAY 6 th MARCH 2018

Pizza Venue: Amore Mio, at 279 Guildford Road, Maylands, WA 6051

Meeting place: We will meet at Kings Park – in the car park that is behind Frasers

Restaurant and the Botanical Café. See <a href="http://www.botanicalcafe.com.au">http://www.botanicalcafe.com.au</a> for details and a Kings Park map. Early arrivers might like to enjoy a coffee and the river/city view at the café. We will depart in convoy at 06:15 pm.

**Drive:** After a club drive, initially through Kings Park, we will arrive at Amore Mio,

soon after 7pm for our club's pizza evening.

**Payment:** Please bring cash with you to pay for your meal and incidentals.

**Register to** Amore Mio is quite small, but it is a fun place with great pizza. **Attend:** Therefore, please register to attend as we do need to notify numbers.

Therefore, please register to attend as we do need to notify numbers to the restaurant. Advise Greg Smith how many will be joining you in your party.

Email: secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com





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

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.

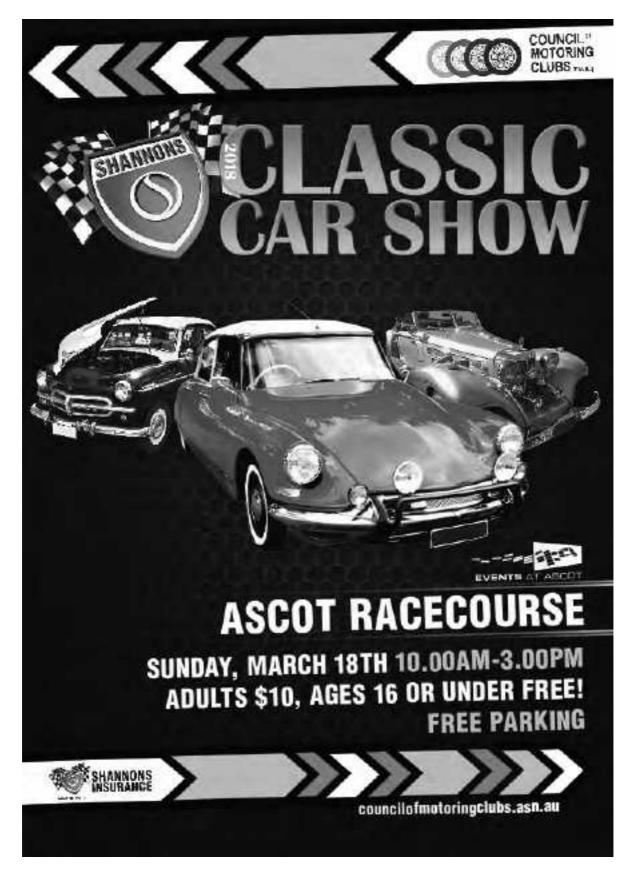
Note that the next event will be held Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 8:30 am - 10:30 AM, at the University of Western Australia, Car Park 3 (next to the UWA staff club) which is off Hackett Drive in Nedlands, WA, 6009.

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







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# 2018 Shannon's Classic Car Show

Sunday 18 March 2018

Following on from the success of 2017's show, as well as absorbing the feedback and lessons from points at Ascot we the participating clubs, sponsors and general public, we are expecting 2018's Classic Car Show to be bigger and better than ever.

We ask you to be points at Ascot we at Whiteman Park. Vehicles must remain the points at Ascot we are expecting 2018's Classic Car Show to be points at Ascot we at Whiteman Park.

To help us with our planning we are looking to make an early start this year. Please complete this Club Booking form and return to the CMC Secretary by 15 December 2017. Indicative numbers are fine at this point as we will follow up with club organisers closer to the event.

Display vehicles are to arrive between <u>8 and 9am</u>. As we are unable to access the venue on the Saturday, all set up and marking out takes place prior to 8am. Vehicles arriving earlier that 8am will not be admitted until the set-up is complete.

We ask you to be patient. As there are multiple entry points at Ascot we can fill the venue much quicker than at Whiteman Park.

Vehicles must remain in position until 3pm. Vehicles sited on paving will need a drip tray (this does not apply to marked parking spaces).

#### Venue Facilities and Rules

Ascot Racecourse will provide a range of food and beverage options for visitors. BBQs are not permitted but clubs may bring their own picnic lunches. Due to liquor licensing for the event, alcohol may not be consumed on site. Security guards patrolling the venue may confiscate alcohol if found.

The Classic Car Show is a volunteer run event and the organising committee would welcome your assistance. Contact <a href="mailto:paulyshell@hotmail.com">paulyshell@hotmail.com</a>

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# Club Booking Form Club Name:

Contact:	
Email:	
Phone:	
No of vehicles:	
Theme / Special event:	
(to help us with publicity, please advis-	e if
your club of marque is celebrating a	
special event or anniversary):	

#### Preferred Location:

(If the same as last year, please advise). Whilst the committee will make every effort to accommodate

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#### AROCA WA EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

#### 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 version

Event	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Event Coordinator</b>
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<del>(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,</del>
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	<del>2018 (WA)</del>	Crawley) - + Google Map
SPETTACOLO, AROCA VIC	Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January	AROCA Vic's annual Alfa
Xavier College Oval, Barkers Road,	<del>2018 (VIC)</del>	Romeo display (with up to
Kew Victoria. 09:00 to 15:00		350 Alfa Romeos present)
FEBRUARY AROCA CLUB NIGHT	<del>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup></del>	Richard Peirce / Greg Smith
Sunset Coastal run and Italian	February 2018	Meet 6pm, Capt. Munchies,
dinner. See announcement.		Beach Road, Fremantle
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	See announcement in this
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	February 2018.	newsletter
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	<del>(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,</del>
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	February 2018	Crawley) - + Google Map
"BLOW THE COBWEBS OUT RUN"	<del>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> to</del>	Rod Quinn.
OVERNIGHT TO JURIEN BAY	<del>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>,</del>	
View Private Collection of Vincent	February 2018	See advertisement and
HRD Motor bikes: biggest in		article below in this
Southern Hemisphere.		Newsletter.
<ul> <li>Perth startpoint for pre-departure breakfast</li> </ul>		
Lunch in the park at Jurien Bay     View motorbike collection		
Overnight in Cervantes		
<ul> <li>Lazy Sunday Morning, or visit the Pinnacles</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Sunday drive, back south</li> </ul>		
Yanchep Inn, light lunch		
MARCH AROCA CLUB NIGHT	Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March,	Amore Mio pizza
Pizza night – meet at Kings Park by 18:15 to	2017	restaurant, 279 Guildford
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Cunday 11th March	Road, Maylands.
	Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + Google Map
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.		
SHANNONS CLASSIC CAR SHOW	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Details appear above.
Ascot Racecourse. We will have a club display space at this show.	2018	
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	See announcement in this
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	2017.	newsletter
APRIL AROCA CLUB NIGHT	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Greg Smith (TBD)
Tentative meeting night at Barbagallo	2018	
showroom, Osbourne Park. View the newly		
arrived Alfa Romeo Stelvio		
RUN TO NORTHAM FOR THE	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April,	Details of trip to Northam
"NORTHAM FESTIVAL OF MOTOR	2018	to be advised
SPORT" (Weekend of April 7 & 8)		



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GARAGE DAY AND BBQ	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Michael Berringer's garage
Michael Berringer's Garage	2018	(TENTATIVE RESCHEDULE)
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Garage day may replace
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	2018.	the informal run?
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	2018	Crawley) + Google Map
"ALFESTA" THE AROCA NATIONAL	Friday, March 30th	CANCELLED DUE TO THE
EASTED MEETING	to Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	VERY LOW NUMBER OF
Annual national meeting—to be held on	2018	AROCA NATIONAL
the harbour in North Sydney, NSW.	2010	REGISTRANTS THIS YEAR
MAY AROCA CLUB NIGHT	Tuesday, 1st May	TBD
Night at Richards' Tyres night (tentative)	2018	
"BRITISH CAR DAY RAID"	Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Details to be announced
Club run to the British car day at Gin	2018	
Gin. Morning coffee, en-route.		
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	British car day raid may
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	2017	replace this informal run
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	2018	Crawley) + Google Map
ALBANY "ROUND-THE-HOUSES"	Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> to	Andrew Murray. WA Labor
South West weekend, including dinner	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June,	Day long weekend. An
on the Saturday night for Alfa members	2018	AROCA WA team will be
in attendance.		competing.
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 17th June	See announcement in this
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	2018	newsletter
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	2018	Crawley) + Google Map
CLUB BIRTHDAY DINNER	Saturday, 23rd	Nick Rahimtulla
Dinner & presentation night. Jojos	June 2018	
restaurant on the Swan, Nedlands.		
MID-WEEK RUN SOUTH	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tour Route and
Mid-week run for the lucky idle or	July 2018	organiser, TBD
retirees. (Details TBD)		
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	See announcement in this
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	2018	newsletter
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,
	Sulluay, 22 July	1 -
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30-10:30AM	2018	Crawley) + Google Map
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"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	September 2018	Crawley) + Google Map
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	See announcement in this
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	September 2018	newsletter
ITALIAN FESTIVAL TRACK DAY	Sunday, mid-	Event yet to be announced
Barbagallo Raceway, Wanneroo	September 2018	
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	2018	Crawley) + Google Map
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October	See announcement in this
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	2018	newsletter
ROTARY ITALIAN CAR DAY	Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Murray
Gloucester Park	November 2018	Details TBD
ANNUAL PASTA RUN	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Quinn, Details TBD
AROCA WA is again organizing this year's	November 2018	
event for the WA Italian car cubs	(tentative date)	
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pasta run to replace the
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	November 2018	informal run for this month
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	November 2018	Crawley) + Google Map
AROCA WA CHRISTMAS LUNCH	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Details TBD
Venue TBD	December 2018	
	(tentative date)	
INFORMAL ALFA RUN	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	See announcement in this
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	December 2018	newsletter
"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"	Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive,
At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	December 2018	Crawley) + Google Map

Be sure to mark these dates in your diary!



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#### 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 includes a Point-to-Point series. This new series of events commenced over the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

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

Please note that more details ar provided below in the following table. For further information, please contact the AROCA WA competition secretary, Ivan Olsen: Mobile: 0418 921 225 or Email: <a href="mailto:competitionsecarocawa1@qmail.com">competitionsecarocawa1@qmail.com</a> to register your interest in the club's competition activities for 2018.



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#### 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	R/4	Northam Flying 50	Vintage Sport Car Club	Regulanty	Northam
6	22/4	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbegallo 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	HIII 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.vscowa.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

Wan O(sen 0418921225

ivan.olsen@mragroup.com.au



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#### AROCA ACTIVITIES IN OTHER STATES

(A SAMPLE ONLY)

#### **AROCA SA**

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

#### **AROCA QLD**

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

#### **AROCA VIC**

10–11 March 2018	Phillip Island Classic and club	Paul O'Connor 0417 800 918
	display	
20 April 2018	Workshop visit – Alfa men	Colin Thomas 0407 090 826
212 April 2018	Workshop visit "Art on Wheels"	Colin Thomas 0407 090 826

#### **AROCA NSW**

29 March – 2 April	Alfesta in Sydney	Steve Saladine, 0407 919 472
<del>2018</del>		EVENT CANCELLED
8 April 2018	AutoItalia Canberra	Martin Leaver 0408 986 128
13-16 April 2018	Hunter – Tenterfield weekend	Col Goldie 02.4987.2310
	away	
03-07 May 2018	Canberra-Victorian Alpine tour	Martin Leaver 0408 986 128'
09 September	Concorso Eleganza	Eddy Failla 0418 111 760
2018		

#### Check these interstate AROCA links for other upcoming events:

AROCA: <a href="http://www.alfaclub.org.au">http://www.alfaclub.org.au</a>

NSW AROCA: <a href="http://www.alfaclubnsw.org.au">http://www.alfaclubnsw.org.au</a>

AROCA QLD: <a href="http://www.alfaclubsa.org.au">http://www.alfaclubsa.org.au</a>

AROCA VIC: <a href="http://www.alfaclubvic.org.au">http://www.alfaclubvic.org.au</a>

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#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday April informal run, the club uses only one starting point for all participants. Every Alfa club 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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#### AROCA WA MEMBER PROFILE: JOHN COURT

John Court (AROCA WA Member 714) left school at the age of fifteen. He joined a wool firm in Fremantle where he worked as a junior clerk and began wool classing studies at night-school. However, after a downturn in the wool industry, the company closed its Fremantle facility. Some members of the wool group returned to Melbourne, however, in 1962, John simply walked across the road and found himself a new job at a nearby VW repair place. Later, he moved again to a Ford dealer in Fremantle for a job paying more money.

John had wanted to undertake an apprenticeship as a mechanic. This led to him moving to a new role in Guildford. Later, he returned to Fremantle where he became a lead mechanic until his company moved out to Kewdale. At that time, John changed career direction and took on a marketing position which involved selling oil to vehicle dealerships. Eventually, this work led to a move to Port Headland in 1981, where, for 3 years, he travelled extensively around the Pilbara and Kimberley regions as a BP oil accounts manager, selling oil and fuel around north west WA.



After that period in WA's north, John returned to Perth and undertook a number of roles in which he managed various BP service stations around the city, both company-owned and private. At one point, he took the opportunity to buy the BP Kwinana hub, which he then owned for 9 years before selling that facility back to BP. Thereafter, he moved to Jandikot airfield as its operations refueling manager. He stayed with Jandikot until his retirement.

John's Alfa Romeo interests began in 1991. One of John's friends operated a vehicle workshop in Fremantle in which John found a smashed 105 quietly

sitting in the corner. This car had been written off with the owner paid out by his insurance company. John placed a \$100 deposit on the damaged car and arranged to have it repaired by a local panel beater. Cileberti's found a replacement grill for the car. John has owned this 105 since that time. It continues to be in good condition. The 105 has its routine maintenance done by John, although he seeks to have any necessary panel work and electricals undertaken elsewhere.

More recently, John bought Alfa Romeo 147 and GT vehicles, both as on-line purchases. The 147 came from Victoria, but was in need of more work than John had assumed would be required from the internet discussions that led to its purchase. This 147 is now well repaired, but he is thinking about selling. His silver GT is a more recent on-line acquisition dating from late 2017.





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John Court's first car was a 1949 Ford Anglia tourer which he purchased for 70 pounds. He next upgraded to a Ford Falcon XK ute. He notes that a Falcon XK ute recently sold at auction for \$15k. As the 1949 vintage Anglia only had mechanical brakes, John was pleased that he had bought the Falcon as a replacement vehicle.

John's car interest then extended to Triumph TR series convertibles. He bought both a Triumph TR3A series and a TR2. Before its purchase, the 2-series car had won the 6-hour series race at Caversham with James Harwood as its driver. Today, John feels as though he has always owned one or more Triumph TRs. In his garage, he currently has a rotisserie-mounted, stripped-down TR3A from which he is currently removing rust before sending it out for full sanding and repainting.

Since the early 2000s, John has had an interest in military vehicles. His initial car in this category was a civilian version of a military Jeep, a CR2A. Thereafter, he bought a military version Land Rover which came with its own army trailer. Around that time, John also had the chance to buy a Bren gun carrier, but he worried that it might have been a stolen item and finally decided against that acquisition.



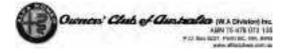


Today he has several heavy army trailers in his factory (which is really his "men's shed"). It is located in Spearwood. In addition, he has stored there a recently acquired, but very rusty WW2 vintage Austin Gypsy English army vehicle that he managed to recover from Streaky Bay, South Australia. This car is not presently running, but it is now one of his long term projects.

Since John began with the WA Alfa Romeo club, he usually has taken his 105 on Alfa club outings, although, quite recently, John has also been observed in the newly acquired GT, enjoying the cooling advantage of its air conditioner.

John Court travels around the country, viewing vehicles that he personally might not like that much, but which he believes others might. He likes telling people about these cars he uncovers. For example, one person he knows well has a peculiar interest in vintage Bedford vans. While John doesn't understand why that interest exists, he did manage to find an early Bedford with sliding doors for that enthusiast.

Meanwhile, one car that John lusts for is a Citroen Goddess 2.3 (vintage about 1978). He notes this car is the type that General De Gaulle was saved in when fired on during a terrorist ambush. With the Citroen Goddess being front wheel drive, De Gaulle's driver was just able to get away from the



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ambush after the vehicle's rear tyres were shot out. John has noted that a nice convertible version of the Citroen Goddess has been present at recent "Coffee and Cars" events at UWA.

John spoke about his approach to collecting vehicles across his eclectic range of motoring interests. He has a long car trailer (which actually is his bob cat trailer – and he also still owns the bob cat too).

On the internet, John identifies likely cars, then drives the trailer to do the pick-up. However, if he finds a vehicle interstate,

most of the time it is cheaper to have that trucked back to Perth. Anything he finds around Perth or WA is more of a "do-it-yourself" recovery effort.

He picked up a Nissan Patrol in Moore River, primarily for its engine, which is now one of the two Nissan Patrol engines powering his wooden boat. That boat is moored in Challenger harbour in Fremantle. John uses the boat about once a month, fishing or just cruising to Rottnest or Garden Islands. He mused that maybe the club would like to have a boating day some time, travelling in both his boat and a friend's to somewhere like the lovely picnic spots that the navy maintains at the seaward end of Garden Island, beyond the naval base. That picnic area is designed to be only for boaters who can access the island from the sea.

John admits that he has avoided official capacity in the club after a lifetime of meetings while in the work force. However, he was awarded as the AROCA WA club person of the year a few years ago; a year when he went to almost every club event.

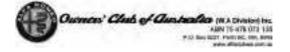
John has never undertaken competitive race driving, other than for one drive in the Guilia 105 around

Barbagallo raceway.



Outside of his motoring interests, John says that his time is taken up by boating, fishing and grandchildren. He has four grandchildren who all live in Perth and are aged from 5 to 14. These grandchildren occupy most of his Sunday mornings, he says.

John's other interests involve a collection of small petrol motors. These include vintage outboard motors; e.g., a SeaTang, which has a Villiers engine, and single cylinder marine engines (including a 1HP Seagull, and a Turner water cooled inboard engine). John restores these engines, then keeps them in a static display.



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At his factory or "personal men's shed" in Spearwood, he stores some of his cars, and has a hydraulic hoist. He keeps his military vehicles, the bobcat and its trailer there too. It is really John's hobby shop. However, he finds time while there to also assist the person running a small marine business from a neighbouring factory in the complex. His factory is in a row of small lock-ups in a newish industrial estate. Quite a list of transitory small businesses is housed in the area. John has one particular neighbour, who occupies a very anonymous factory in the complex where, behind its blank walls, old Jaguars are quietly repaired and serviced.

John notes that his family is not particularly supportive of his car and boating hobbies. They worry that he spends too much time on his hobbies. It is remarkable how much time such hobbies can take up, he says. The family especially aren't in favour of the wooden boat as they think it is too slow and much too noisy. This boat dates back to the 1970s. It is driven (quite economically) by the two Nissan Patrol diesel engines. Although it has low fuel consumption, the boat only does about 7.5 knots and can take 90 minutes to get out to Rottnest. This is a long time for the grandchildren.

For 2018, John's objectives are to finish the TR3A; obtain a Q2 differential for the newly acquired GT; do enough to put the Austin Gypsy into running order (but do nothing about the rust); and, perhaps, look for another Gypsy body in order to obtain enough good panels for the completion of one Gypsy. On top of all that, he would like to tour Australia in his Ford Ranger, plus its yet to be acquired caravan.

From an AROCA WA point of view, he is a keen meeting attender who greatly enjoys the social side of the club and always wants to learn more about technical details related to Alfas. He would like to be at more meetings with a technical orientation, e.g., perhaps a "show and tell" on particular Alfa car parts, or something else like Ian Glover's 2017 talk on corrosion. Nonetheless, he thinks that AROCA WA is an excellent, well-managed club.



John is also a member of the WA Veteran car club, which is now 60 years old and a lot larger than AROCA WA. That club is divided into a number of sections with different focus (e.g., his military vehicles focus). He believes that the Alfa club could have greater involvement with veteran car club, should it choose to, including the use of their rooms, perhaps holding functions there, but also including access to its second hand spare parts shed.



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#### AROCA WA FINANCIAL REPORT, 28 FEB. 2018

INCOME			
Membership – Family		\$ 3	,440.00
Mystery Weekend		\$	,
Italian Car Day Breakfast		\$	360.00
Birthday Dinner		\$	
Social Events/ Pasta Run			,760.00
Xmas Lunch		\$ 1	L,950.00
Merchandise Sales/ Door sale		\$ \$ \$ \$	484.50
Club Meeting Drinks/ Food		\$	
Advertising		\$	852.00
Bank Interest			1.07
Transfer from Investment A/c		•	500.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 12	2,347.57
EXPENDITURE			
CAMS- CMC Subscription		•	600.00
Pasta Run Deposit			,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			000.00
Christmas Function			962.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 12	,462.90
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE		-\$:	115.33
BANK RECONCILLIATION			
Opening Balance		\$ 1	L,459.71
Receipts			, 2,347.57
Payments			2,462.90
·	BALANCE		L,344.38
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT			
Opening Balance			,489.68
Transfer from main account			00.00
Transfer to Main Account			500.00
Interest		•	51.59
	BALANCE	\$ 19	,041.27



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#### GIULIETTA SPECIALE SPRINT

The Sprint Speciale (SS) was offered as a more luxurious Giulietta that was built with a light weight construction and with competition in mind. The cars came with a fully equipped interior and, nonetheless, were much cheaper than the full-blown Sprint Zagato. Alfa Romeo sold 1,366 examples.

Eventually, in 1963, the Giulietta SS was re-engined. It became the Giulia SS (SS for "Sprint Speciale")



during the production car's introduction. The only real change was the new 112bhp 1570cc DOHC engine from the Giulia. Later into the production run, the car received disc brakes at the front.



Some notable Guilietta SS sales results are described below:





1961 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Speciale AR101.20177259 - sold for US\$165,000. B.A.T. show car-inspired styling. Interesting early history. Nicely restored and a delight to drive.

Auction Source: 2014 Monterey by RM Auctions



1960 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint <u>Speciale 1012000339</u> - sold for US\$82,500. Futuristic Bertone Design. A Desirable Classic Italian Sports Car. Recent Restoration Work over \$25,000. Ideal for Vintage Touring and Events. Auction Source: The 2013 Amelia Island Auction by Gooding & Company



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1960 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Speciale AR 10120 00657 — sold for US\$99,000. Innovative Bertone Design. Classic Italian Sports Car Livery. Recent Mechanical Freshening. Authentic Presentation Throughout. Ideal for Vintage Touring and Events. The Pinnacle of Giulietta Elegance.

Auction Source: <u>The 2013 Scottsdale</u> Auctions by Gooding & Company



1961 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Speciale AR177259 — sold for US\$132,000. As with all Giulietta Sprint Speciales, this car is equipped with the potent 1.3-liter 'Veloce' specification twin-cam engine, with twin two-barrel Weber carburettors, achieving an output of 116 HP. It has been given an exacting restoration. Finished in a rich red, the notoriously complex body curves align perfectly with smooth transitions from fender-to-door-to-fender, confirmed by a glance down the sides. Auction Source: Monterey 2012 by RM Auctions



1959 Alfa Romeo Giulietta SS Alloy 'Low Nose' 00120 00061 — sold for €151,200. One of about 10 aluminium examples produced. It is believed that only 18 Giulietta SS 'Low Nose' cars still exist. Well documented; original registration documents from 1959, period racing history. Fully restored to its original colour combination. Auction Source: Monaco 2012 by RM Auctions

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#### RENT AN ALFA ROMEO TO TOUR NEW ZEALAND?

#### Message to the WA Alfa Club from New Zealand:

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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 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017)

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

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



FIRST NAME(S):

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#### NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO JOIN AROCA WA

(OR FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL)

JRNAME:					
ARTNER'S NAME:					
REET ADDRESS:					
JBURB:				<del></del>	
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AYTIME PHONE:		EVENING PHONE:			
IOBILE:					
EW MEMBER, CURRENTLY	PAID-UP MEMBER (O	R PAST MEMBI	ER):		
MEMBER NUMBER	:				
CURRENT MEMBER	: YES NO	PAS	T MEMBER: YE	s NO	
	LAST Y	EAR AS AN AR	OCA WA MEMB	ER:	
LFA ROMEO (AND OTHER	VEHICLES) OWNED:				
Manufacturer	Туре	Regist			

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.

