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## PROGRAM FOR AROCA WA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The club's upcoming events and meetings program is listed in this issue. Please include these events in your calendar. Details of these activities are outlined in more detail later in this edition of the magazine, including various brochures, any needed booking links and detailed announcements.

In particular, please note these important upcoming events:

### **Fish & Chip Evening Picnic on the Swan Foreshore in South Perth on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

- This event starts at 6PM. Its location is as advertised in the Trybooking link.
- This year, there should be plenty of parking, given that it will be held on a Tuesday not Thursday, so no food trucks should be around to attract so many people this year.
- Book your gold band schnapper and chips at a charge of \$20 per head via the Trybooking that appears in the pages below.

### **Our 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday club meeting for February '22 is an evening meal at the Parkerville Tavern.**

- John Reed has organized our February club night to be a dinner on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.
- It was to be held at the Kalmunda hotel, but has been moved to the Parkerville Tavern due to kitchen problems noted recently at Kalmunda.
- A Trybooking link (which is free) has been set up so that we can advise the Tavern how many will be attending. Please complete this Trybooking link:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BWKNM>
- A club run will also be set up to Parkerville. Arrival at the Tavern by 7PM is necessary as the kitchen does close at 8PM. Details regarding the run will be provided soon.

### **President's Memorial 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Morning Run on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

- This Special club run is planned for the Saturday morning on the day before the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch.
- The run will be held as a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club.
- Don't miss presenting your Alfa - along with those of many other AROCA WA club members - on a tour that celebrates the exact date of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Details regarding this celebratory run will be announced early in the new year.

### **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AROCA WA Special Lunch at Perugino Restaurant on 20-February 2022.**

- Perugino Restaurant in Outram Street, West Perth is the chosen location for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary lunch to be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- Perugino is offering our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch attendees a 5-course lunch. It will also provide options for those with dietary requirements. (After you book, please do advise Greg Smith of any dietary limitations you may have).
- All food (plus some drinks) will be provided within an overall \$80 per head budget.

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- There is a 60-person attendance minimum for this event.
- A Trybooking link exists for this very special lunch.
- Note that the Trybooking link has an initial maximum of 20 non-member attendees.
- **Early bird pricing has been set at \$60 for members and their partners, but at \$80 for non-members (or currently unfinancial members). After the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, all latecomer bookings (both member and non-member) will be \$80 per head, with no club discount available after New Year's Day.**
- The restaurant seats 60 people in its main room with another 20 in the adjacent room. The option of an additional 10 in a private dining room is possible, if needed.
- For an additional limited selection of drinks, an EFTPOS bar is available for attendees.

## In April 2022, a club run is being organized out to the Aviation Museum in Bull Creek.

- Details available in the new year.

## Alfesta 2022 will be held at Port Macquarie, NSW over Easter 2022

- An article on the 2022 event and the associated post-Alfesta driving tour is included later in this edition of the magazine.

## Shannons Classic Car Show will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

- As was the case in 2021, the Classic Car Show will be held at the Ascot Racecourse. ♦



*While at the Goodwood Members Meeting, held in the UK, Andrew Stevens and Kelly La Velle wandered around photographing the pit preparations of many veteran racers (i.e., of both the cars and their owner/drivers). You can view more photos from this year's Goodwood members meeting later in this edition of Alfa Occidentale.*



## CELEBRATION OF THE MOTORCAR

*At Cottesloe Civic Centre overlooking the Indian Ocean on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November*



Paul Blank and his team organized yet another great “Celebration of the Motorcar” classic car show for 2021, held again this year at the Cottesloe Civic Centre, overlooking the Indian Ocean.

About 150 interesting classic cars were invited to this curated event. Many different marques from various European car manufacturing countries and the USA were featured. Among many notable highlights, what proved highly attractive to many of the paying visitors, was a Ferrari F40, two

McLarens, some beautifully preserved pre-war (and post-war) British saloons, not to mention the long row of large 1950s American cars, sprouting impressive peacock tails (and some Alfas, of course.)

Perhaps the most unusual vehicle featured at the event was Peter Briggs’ 1904-vintage Napier L48 Samson. This car has been reconstructed, but it continues to use the Napier’s original engine. It was once a land speed record holder as the first British car to achieve 100 mph. In the past, the 1904 Napier has been widely exhibited, including at Pebble Beach and at Goodwood, bringing home trophies from both major events. The Napier is featured in photos below.

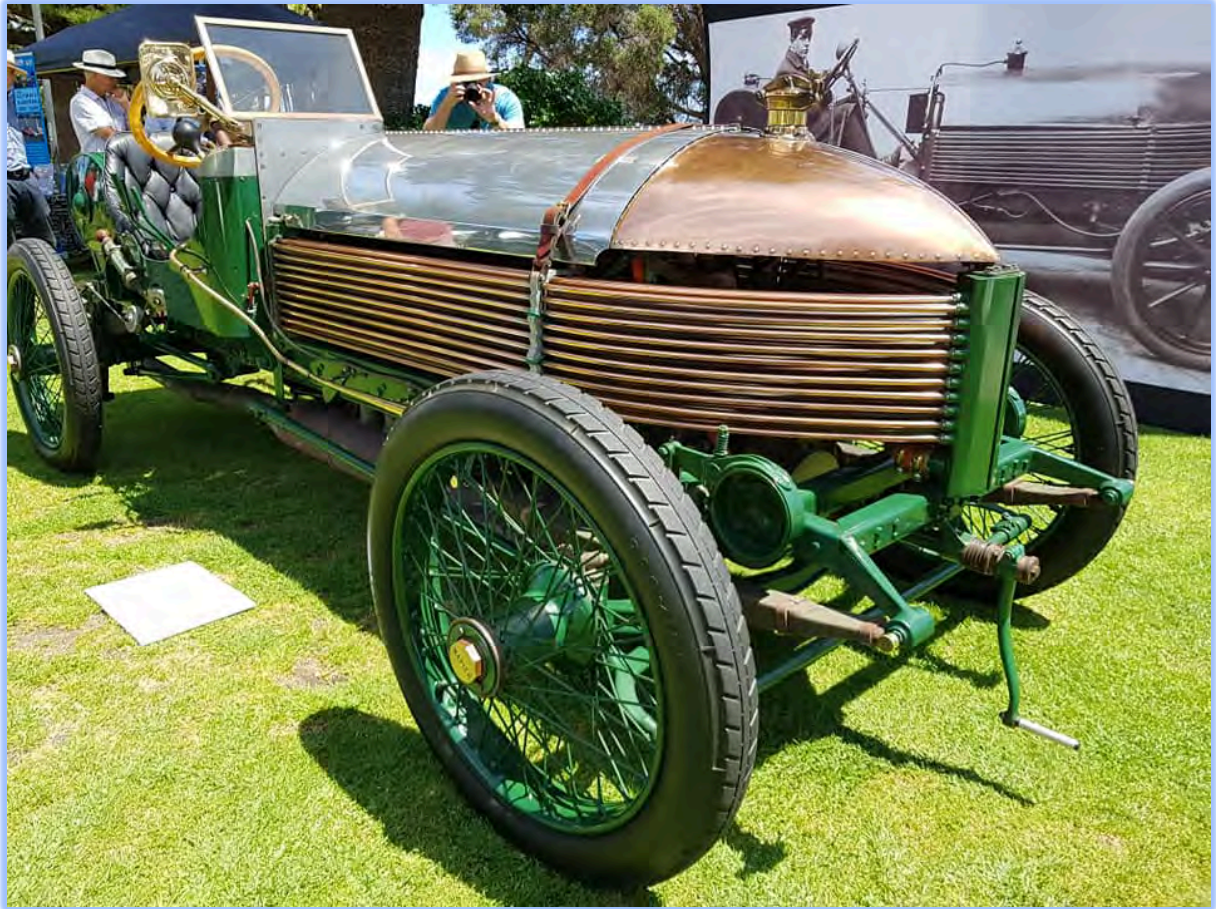
Six nicely prepared Alfa Romeos were shown on the day in a display of Alfas that included a Montreal, a beautiful and newly-acquired 2600 and an immaculately presented plum-coloured 105. In addition, three WA Alfa Club members’ well-known cars were shown: Andrew Murray’s black 105 Zagato, Greg Smith’s silver Spider Duetto and Steve Seow’s red 4C.



*Extensive use of copper tubing, both as an engine housing design feature and to provide an effective radiator, is one of the many remarkable period characteristics to be seen on Peter Briggs’ very dramatic 1904 Napier.*

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## 2021 PASTA RUN

The WA Ferrari club ran this year's event, held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December.



Members of the Alfa, Fiat/Lancia, Ferrari and Lamborghini clubs (plus some others) all met for the start of the Annual Pasta Run, as usual, at the Midland shopping centre on the morning of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The Italian cars annual pasta run then travelled via the Tonkin Highway up to Neaves Road to a check point at the Red Shed Pizza Restaurant, before turning east across to the Great Northern Highway, at which point most of the tour attendees successfully managed to turn back southwards and head through the Swan Valley, finally ending at the "Pasta in the Valley" restaurant. It was quite a hot Perth day and so not such great conditions for top-down spider driving. However, three Alfa Spiders and

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a couple of Fiat/Abarth spiders did just that. The Pasta in the Valley venue proved to be a very pleasant surprise, especially to some who hadn't been there previously. A highlight was a commercial-scale pasta line (mainly for display and not in operation). It ran along the ceiling above the restaurant. Attendees enjoyed Italian meals in a very friendly environment while a piano accordionist played Italian music and managed to encourage some of us to sing along with him too.



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Alfa club members enjoying beer & pasta (or even a salad!).

Photos courtesy of Anil Subramanya (Ferrari Club) and Ashley Niciforo (AROCA WA) were found on Facebook.  
Others are from Greg Smith (AROCA WA).

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## ALFA ROMEO WA'S CHRISTMAS PICNIC HELD IN PERTH'S HYDE PARK

*This year, the Christmas Picnic was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December.*



About 30 members and partners arrived at Hyde Park for the WA Alfa Club's Christmas picnic. Although attendance was a little lower than hoped for, those of us attending had a great afternoon catching up with others while enjoying Christmas drinks and food.

The sun shone very brightly, but everyone sought the shade provided by the avenues of very mature trees lining the park.



On this particular Sunday, a cooling sea breeze blew in quite early from the ocean so that the day seemed more spring-like rather than being just a couple of weeks out from Christmas.

While some of us had seen each other at various club events over the last three Sundays running, that didn't seem to leave anyone with not enough to say about matters related to Alfas.

*Photos provided courtesy of Glen Phillips.* ♦

## PROFILE OF WA ALFA CLUB MEMBER RICHARD PEIRCE

*Richard was interviewed by Greg Smith. Among his diverse car loves, he includes Alfa Romeo, but then, he does like many marques, including Swedish, German, Japanese & English cars too.*

Richard was born in Perth at the Mount Hawthorn hospital. He grew up by the beach in a house on West Coast Highway in Scarborough, opposite where the White Sands pub is now situated. His early schooling was mostly at Scarborough Primary School.

At Scarborough, Richard could easily access the beach through another family property on The Esplanade, as there were no beach-side carparks or restaurants in those days. Richard and friends spent lots of time playing in the sandhills. Much later, in the 1980s, long after his parents had moved to Trigg, the house was rented to some surfies who just happened to burn it down. Today, on West Coast Highway, an empty block remains next to the Coles carpark; its former easy beach access long blocked by the construction of apartments.

When aged 11, his family moved to Southern Cross after Richard's Dad became the bank manager there. After two terms in the primary school in Southern Cross, Richard became a boarder at Wesley College during his high school years 8 through 10. Once his dad returned to a bank job in the city, the family returned to Scarborough. Richard then completed his last two years as a day boy.

After completing his Leaving Certificate, he began work with AMP. This enabled a part-time degree in "Economics and Commerce" at UWA, but most of the lectures occurred in the late afternoon or evening. This course was not up Richard's alley! After two years at UWA, he decided that a life in business might not be for him. In fact, he found more interest in the psych units than in economics or commerce. He left AMP after only two years – and with that, the commerce studies ended too.

While Richard was still at school, his sister and her husband began an Aussie "working holiday" in the UK. At age 19, Richard was quite the Anglophile (and he still is – Ed.) Therefore, he decided that the UK might be a much better option than finishing that commerce degree.

He sold his Fiat 850 Sport coupe to his Dad. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1969, he embarked on the "SS Orcades" for Southampton.



Richard had visited the UK once before, with his parents, when he was only 5. On that trip they visited various English relatives. His father had been born in India of UK and NZ parents and moved back to England until the age of 4, when his family moved again, initially to Tasmania and later WA.

On his UK return as a young adult, Richard initially stayed with relatives (helping as a nanny) before finding work in London with BMW Concessionaires G.B. P/L, the UK importer and distributor of BMW cars and bikes. Richard began as a junior “run-around” within a company of only 10 employees, although 3 years later, it had grown to 150. This fast growth came about due to the introduction of the BMW E3 2500/2800 and the 2002 and in the early 1970s; their sales in the UK just took off. Richard was caught up in this fast growth, ending up as Export Sales Promotion Manager after a stint looking after the domestic market. This role was to promote the sales of Tax-Free vehicles to British and US military personnel, both in the UK and in West Germany.



*Photos above: The BMW concessionaire's travelling BMW test drive set up. Richard seen modelling one of the UK BMW group's marketing initiatives of selling Arran Sweaters.*

The UK domestic promotion role comprised two main events which were the backbone of the job, but also included oversight of the BMW press fleet and motor shows. The first event was the organisation and running of “Track Days” around the country. BMW buyers were invited to test drive a range of new BMWs around a racing circuit which was terrifying at times! All the major racing circuits (and a few smaller ones too) in the UK and Northern Island were used.

The second event was a “Bavarian Evening”, held at individual dealerships, where a small range of cars were available to test drive, plus a short film and a talk, with Bavarian beer, Schnapps, and nibbles provided. Richard and his colleagues, all with good product knowledge, were available to answer questions.

The Export job involved similar events at British and U.S. army and air force bases, located in the UK and West Germany, so extensive travel was involved.

At one large, weekend “Track Event” in Belgium, Richard first met his wife-to-be, Jo. He had organised this event at the former Zolder GP circuit for British Forces based on the Rhine. After meeting Jo, he travelled on to Spa Franchorchamps the next day. Jo says she should have guessed Richard was interested in cars!





At the end of three years in the UK, Richard found his future had become caught up in the Ugandan Asian crisis of 1972, when Idi Amin decided to deport many Asian-immigrant Ugandans. Most still had British passports and so came to the UK. As a result, Australians on work permits were unable to extend their visas. Richard commenced an appeal, but legal advice was received to simply go home. In a matter of weeks, Jo and Richard had married and travelled back to Australia arriving in January 1973. A subsequent offer of Permanent Residency was received, but it was too late!

After returning to Perth, Richard initially worked for Volvo but he didn't enjoy that too much after his recent BMW experiences. However, he was fortunate when another interesting career possibility in air traffic control (ATC) revealed itself and he found that he was still just within the age limit to be considered for the next intake into an ATC training course. After a rigorous application process (only 17 were accepted to start the course, out of 3,000 applicants), Richard and Jo moved to Melbourne where he undertook a 2-year intensive theoretical and practical ATC course.

On completion of his ATC training and moving back to Perth, he began working as an Air Traffic Controller. Then 33+ years later, he finally retired from ATC after working in most ATC disciplines, at Perth Airport, but also with a short stint at Jandakot, and 3 years in Karratha. Today, 11 years since retiring from the Control Tower, he looks back and wonders how he ever did the job for so long, let alone the shift work! It was a role in which decisions had to be made instantly, and correctly!

He then admits that he really enjoys his retirement. He is still very busy, but primarily with his grandchildren it seems.



*Above: Richard's great aunts being chauffeured in India. His grandfather seen driving the family, also in India, circa 1910.*

While, as a teenager Richard was always interested in cars, some influence towards auto interests did come from both of his grandfathers, who were car people. The Peirces were always into cars from the early 1900s. His grandfather (on his mum's side) ran livery stables and handsome cabs in Northam. This later became the Northam taxi service. Background like that was bound to rub off.

Richard's first car was a bequeathed Holden FC – but it was not much good to him at 14 years of age. After commencing work, he bought a Morris 1100 (after his Dad had suggested that an MG Midget might not be the best option for someone then aged 17). The 1100 was a great little car and his mates loved it – free transport! However, it died. Then came his first real car, a FIAT 850 Sport Coupe which served him well until his departure to the UK (and its sale financially enabled his departure).

On arrival in UK, Richard stayed with relatives who owned an Alfa 1300 GT Junior. Richard couldn't believe how much fun this car was to drive around the country lanes of Sussex in winter! Although



relatively underpowered, it was forgiving and with brilliant handling. This was the experience that started Richard's love for the Alfa Romeo marque.



While working with BMW in London, he was most lucky to have the use of a new BMW every 3 months or so, and to drive many others as well. As a result, he still has a huge soft spot for BMWs. After returning home to Perth, he worked for Volvo, and, of course, there was a Volvo in the carport most nights. These are great cars but not usually an enthusiast's car, he says. On resigning from Volvo, Richard and Jo found themselves in an early FIAT 128; a car way ahead of its time.



Nearing the end of his ATC training, they bought an AlfaSud. With eternal regret, Richard says that he could hear the rust worms eating the vehicle at night while it rested in his garage. In under 12 months, their initially new Sud developed a rust hole in its rear door. However, the car was brilliant to drive. In fact, Jo learned to drive in this Sud.

Richard finally sold the Sud when it became too small for growing children (or so he says). It just wasn't wide enough for the kids, plus the

bassinet, etc. The Sud was replaced with a Lancia Beta sedan, although that also rusted at about the same rate as had the Sud. The Beta was an underrated car (apart from the rust). Richard owned it for some time until the growing rust problems terminally shortened its life.

The next auto acquisition was a Volvo 240 GLE, bought just before Richard and Jo headed north to Karratha. An old Landrover Series 2A Safari Wagon also went north with them but it quickly became clear that this vehicle was simply too slow for the distances needing to be travelled. A 100km round trip to Point Samson for fish and chips could become a 2-hour journey!

While on a flying visit to Perth, the Landrover was replaced by a beige Subaru Sport wagon (yes, beige!) This Subaru was the first in what developed into a very satisfying relationship with the brand.

That good friend, the Volvo also stayed with the Peirces for 8.5 years. It finally was sold after they returned to Perth - and for more than Richard had paid for it, even after the 8.5 year period of ownership. Richard still admits to a soft spot for Volvos, as well as for Subarus. The Subaru stayed in Karratha when they returned to Perth; its sale funding a new swimming pool.

A series of different cars followed at various times, including a BMW 3.0SI, a Honda Civic Shuttle, a BMW 528i Motorsport, a Mini K, a VW Passat, a Mini Countryman/Traveller, a Magna, a WRX Sportwagon, a WRX STI, a Subaru Liberty 3.0 RB wagon, a Volvo XC60, a Barina SRI, a Mini Cooper, a Mercedes Benz 350 SLK and the Mercedes GLA 45S AMG, the last two MBs both are still current.

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There was also an Alfa 105 1750 GTV in need of restoration, but it was driveable. Richard owned it for many years. However, the lack of restoration funds meant it finally had to go. Another “extra” was a 1300 Ti Giulia sedan, which was sound and very drivable, if not mint.



*Photos of Richard's Alfas that are discussed during this profile.*

While these Alfas were viewed as Richard's spare cars, they were a key part of his growing WA Alfa Club involvement after he joined AROCA WA in 1987. But then, at least for a while, he had no Alfas at all, until a couple of 105 Alfa Spider 2000s were found in Melbourne by Andrew Murray. Richard's particular Spider had been converted from a US LHD car (converted in South Australia) but that conversion wasn't of such great quality (there was some very poor rewiring in particular).

With his love of 105s now well established, when WA Alfa Club member Ian McDonald's restored 1971 Spider 1750 became available, a decision was made to replace the US spider with Ian's. The only improvement Richard has since made to this car is a “123” brand electronic distributor which has provided an enormous positive difference to starting the car and to drivability. Richard finds the relationship between the iconic twin cam engine, the floor hinged clutch and brake, and the direct link into the 5-speed gearbox, as found in all 105s, to be particularly satisfying.

However, an open 105 Spider may not be the most ideal car for longer driving distances in this climate. This led him to buy a V6 GT coupe to keep the Spider company. The GT was primarily chosen because of its 3.2 litre engine, its looks, and its air-conditioning! Richard does appreciate all these features, although he is not entirely enamoured of its FWD (even with the Q2 diff. that was subsequently installed).

Today, he still retains his eclectic desire for all sorts of cars. While he would love a current model Giulia Quadrifoglio, the entry price is high. Perhaps a Stelvio QV is the answer for its practicality, but then, in that price range, there are a lot of other attractive vehicle options worth considering too.



Richard also confesses that he has always fancied an Alfa 105 Zagato, and that he continues his love of 105 Giulia Supers, in particular. Does anyone have a 1300 GT Junior for sale?

We talked about AROCA WA. Richard spent some years on the club's committee and has acted as club secretary for a while as well. Richard believes that, for him, the most important aspects of the club are the comradery, the interesting club tours and drives, plus the various car shows. Competition has not greatly featured in his past, although watching auto racing is of interest. Over the years, he has dabbled mechanically doing a lot of regular maintenance. He has changed many head gaskets, water pumps etc. and has even rebuilt a 1300Ti engine - without destroying it!

Richard then recites some of his lifetime highlights, including, of course, his family and career, but also travel, working for BMW in the UK, owning various 105s, the WRXs, the Mercedes AMG, and twice attending Goodwood Revival.



**What is his best car overall?** As a family man, it was the Volvo XC60 that he owned for 8 years. While it wasn't necessarily fast, exciting - and so on - it was simply ideal for a family in this environment.

**What was his best drive?** While visiting another Perth (in Scotland), he drove to Inverness at night, along a wet deserted road, in a BMW 2002Tii.

**What about his fastest car?** It is his Mercedes GLA45s AMG, although he couldn't believe the BMW 3.0SI when that first came out.

**And the most reliable?** The Subarus - all of them.

**But, the most fun?** Those 2002Tii, Minis, the first WRX - and all of his 105s.



Richard believes that the future for car clubs and their enthusiast members will most likely continue strongly into the future, even though the impacts of

electrification, autonomous driving, and those who govern us, may create some hardship at times. He does think that, in the end, there could be a lot less emotion and character available to the driver once non-ICE propelled vehicles become the norm. Sound and vibration are important components of the overall experience, he says.

These days, Richard's hobbies and interests are dominated by grandchildren, as noted above. He used to enjoy fishing and travel too, as well as his cars. Perhaps those opportunities will return in post pandemic times. "Could that begin as early as some time in 2022?" he muses hopefully. ♦



## GOODWOOD MEMBERS MEETING

A selection of Andrew Stevens' photos from this wonderful 2021 UK event.



The Goodwood Members Meeting is one of the last (but among the best) UK outdoor meetings of the 2021 season. Andrew Stevens and Kelly LaVelle were in attendance to view the assembled historic cars and watch the vintage racing.

As you can see, many special cars were shown and raced at this wonderful meeting.

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## “OUTBACK CAR HUNTERS” RECENTLY APPEARED ON UK TV

*On-screen in Andrew Stevens and Kelly La Velle’s lounge room in the UK.*

The other night, while Kelly and Andrew were relaxing after dinner in suburban London, they stumbled across a TV program titled ‘Outback Car Hunters’. It featured two guys, Dave and ‘GT’, as they travelled around the WA countryside, digging out derelict old cars that they then rebuilt to sell on.



The first episode of this series featured a guy called Gary from Mukinbudin. Gary is the owner of a competition prepared 1750 GTV that he takes to race events in WA. In one of his sheds, there was also a dead 2000 GTV as well as an Alfa 75!

The program episode revealed that, after Gary first purchased the 2000 GTV for a nominal \$2,000, a thorough and extensive rebuild was undertaken at an ‘Alfa specialist’ which turned out to be more of a custom car shop. However, the show didn’t spend a lot of time on the details of that GTV rebuild.

In the end, this program on UK TV turned out to be a great find. Andrew and Kelly were really surprised when the program showed the refurbished 2000 GTV selling to none other than AROCA WA member, Bernard Cecchele!

Later, both Andrew and Greg Smith communicated with Bernard about his apparent acquisition of that 2000 GTV - way out in the wheatbelt. Bernard soon responded with the comment, “Smoke and mirrors, lads. I did not purchase their GTV 2000, but I did buy a nice 2600 from Joe Ricciardo.” He then continued with an explanation: “After the crew from Outback Car Hunters met with Josh and his dad, Gary, they decided that they needed another car contact, so I put my hand up. I did this in the hope that I could get my daughters on TV.”

Nonetheless, Andrew and Kelly found their TV watching to be a surreal experience, viewing the rough beauty of the WA outback from the comfort of the sofa in their English suburban home, now well into the depths of winter in the UK. The level of unreality dramatically increased when they saw a couple of familiar WA Alfisti’s faces suddenly appearing in the on-screen mix!

It turns out that “Outback Car Hunters” has joined a raft of other related programs including ‘Aussie Gold Hunters’, ‘Outback Opal Hunters’, “Outback Truckers’ and more. These days, it seems that you cannot move in country WA without finding a film crew busily blocking your way! Andrew and Kelly noted that, from their remote viewing platform in the UK, they think that their fellow Western Australians can rest assured that their lost WA Lottery money has been well invested with the particular goal of entertaining the English during this year’s pandemic winter.

Greg Smith found further information on ‘Outback Car Hunters’ in an unusual place - the Peel Magazine edition of Autumn/Winter 2021. It turns out that ScreenWest is the producer of the “Outback Car Hunters” series. It filmed some of the episodes in Peel, shooting in Serpentine and Jarrahdale, as well as in Boddington. While already on TV in England, apparently the program is yet to be screened in Australia, although Channel Nine has bought the rights to present it sometime in 2022.



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The principal stars are those abandoned classic cars from all over the world. The “Outback Car Hunters” TV series follows the search for these interesting but derelict cars scattered across Australia. The presenters also try to determine whether any of them might be worth that ‘fabled fortune’ to the person lucky enough to discover and restore the right vehicle.

The two presenters, Dave Morely (“Dave”) and “GT” (Glenn Torrens) are car magazine journalists. They have embarked on their first documentary series with “Outback Car Hunters” and have been enjoying the opportunity to work in WA while exploring the state’s heritage of abandoned motorcars.

During the episode filmed in the Peel region, Pete, a truck restorer himself, and his wife, Wendy, provided the set for the episode. They own the Oakford property in Peel that became a set for the program. Later in the series, this property also provides the filming location for the auction of the restored vehicles. This car sale is to include a Series One Land Rover, a Beetle with one owner for 47 years, and a VW Kombi.



Series producer, ScreenWest, is a funder and developer of film, television and digital production in WA and it does this through a share of state lottery revenue. ScreenWest was designed to support and grow a sustainable WA screen industry.

It also delivers strategic initiatives for First Nations filmmakers through partnerships with the WA film industry. ScreenWest sees this as a vehicle that can embrace local communities while attracting global interest in their WA stories, storytellers, locations and culture.

The Western Australian Screen Fund (WASF) is a part of the WA state government’s “Royalties for Regions” initiative. Notable ScreenWest initiatives have included feature film adaptations of the Tim Winton novels ‘Dirt Music’ (filmed in the Kimberley) and ‘Breath’ (filmed in the Great Southern region).



*Two photos of Bernard Cecchele’s recently purchased Alfa 2600.*



## MORE NEWS FROM STELLANTIS

### 1. Carlos Tavares Wonders if Cost Burden of EV is “Beyond the limit for Automakers”?

When interviewed at the “Reuters Next” conference (reported in [autonews.com](https://www.autonews.com) on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021) , Carlos Tavares made the point that external pressure on automakers to accelerate the move to electric vehicles may potentially threaten jobs and perhaps vehicle quality as producers struggle to manage higher costs in building EVs. While governments and investors want car manufacturers to accelerate the transition to EVs, Tavares thinks costs could go "beyond the limits" that the auto industry can sustain.

Tavares stated: "What has been decided is to impose on the automotive industry electrification that brings with it 50% additional cost against a conventional vehicle. There is no way we can transfer a 50% additional cost on to the final consumer because most parts of the middle class will not be able to pay." He also noted that Automakers could charge higher prices and sell fewer cars, or they could accept lower profit margins. However, those pathways would both lead to cutbacks. Meanwhile, union leaders in Europe and North America recently have warned how tens of thousands of jobs could be lost.



Automakers need more time for testing to ensure that the new technology will work over the longer term, he said. Pushing to speed that process up "is just going to be counter-productive. It will lead to quality problems. It will lead to all sorts of problems."

Stellantis wants to avoid these cuts by boosting productivity at a pace far faster than the industry norm. "Over the next five years we have to digest 10% productivity improvements each year ... in an industry used to delivering only 2-3% improvements. The future will tell us who can digest this, and who will fail," Tavares said. "We are putting the industry on the limits."

While EV costs are expected to fall, and analysts project that battery electric vehicles and combustion vehicles could achieve cost parity during the latter half of this decade, just like all other traditional automakers which have earned profits from ICE vehicles, Stellantis is under pressure from the EV maker Tesla as well as from other full-electric vehicle start-ups like Rivian. While these EV companies are far smaller in terms of current vehicle sales and employment, their investors have awarded Tesla and Rivian very high market valuations compared to the owners of highly profitable brands e.g., in the USA, Stellantis's Jeep SUV or the Ram pickup.

The European Union, the state of California and other jurisdictions have set goals that will end the sales of ICE vehicles by 2035. Meanwhile, the UK has set 2030 as its deadline to become all-electric. Tavares stated that governments should shift the focus of their climate policies towards cleaning up the energy sector while speeding up the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructures.

In closing, Tavares talked about Stellantis's investment in solid-state battery startup, Factorial Energy, alongside Daimler. "We can invest more and go deeper in the value chain," he said. "There may be other (investments) in the near future."

### 2. Restructuring Underway in Turin.

European Auto News reported on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 that Stellantis and unions had reached an agreement on a planned restructuring of production in Turin to be completed by mid-January.



Stellantis is moving the assembly line at its Grugliasco plant, near Turin, to nearby Mirafiori to increase efficiency. Production in Grugliasco will end on 17<sup>th</sup> December and move to Mirafiori, with a planned restart on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The concentrated single production line at Mirafiori is intended to produce five Maserati brand models. All 1,100 workers and functions at Grugliasco will move across to Mirafiori by 2024 with no impact anticipated on jobs.

This restructuring mirrors another move announced earlier this year for the plant at Melfi; Stellantis's largest plant in Italy. This move came after scrutiny of production costs in Italy showed them to be more expensive than elsewhere in Europe. At Melfi, two existing lines producing Jeep and Fiat models, including hybrid ones, will be merged into a single enhanced line, without the loss of capacity or jobs. Meanwhile, Mirafiori will keep its second line, which currently produces the electric Fiat 500e.

### 3. The Former FCA is in a Diesel Emissions Probe in the USA.

In another article in European Auto news (based on another Reuters agency report), Sergio Pasini, a manager at the former [Fiat Chrysler Automobiles](#), based in Italy (now [Stellantis](#)) was released on 28<sup>th</sup> September after his arrest two days earlier as part of a US inquiry into diesel emissions.

At a Bologna hearing, it was ruled that Pasini should be freed as there was no risk of him escaping. The Bologna court ordered Pasini to attend a second hearing in 40 days, when all documents and a full arrest order from US authorities would become available. The court will then rule on an extradition request to USA. Pasini's arrest followed an indictment earlier this year in the USA on charges including conspiracy to rig diesel-powered vehicles that cheat on government emissions tests.



In April, the U.S. Justice Department indicted Pasini with conspiring to calibrate software in diesel-engined vehicles so that they pass U.S. emissions tests, but then pollute beyond legal limits on roadways. Two other US-based FCA employees were also charged in this alleged fraud. Over 100,000 diesel-powered Dodge Ram trucks and Jeep SUVs, all part of FCA's USA line-up, are included in this indictment.

In January 2019, Fiat Chrysler previously agreed to pay roughly

US\$800 million in settlement of a civil litigation lawsuit brought by the US Justice Department, which alleged that others of the company's vehicles had evaded emissions requirements. ♦



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**Account Type:** CASH TRADE ACCOUNT


**Account Name:** Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (Western Australian Division)

**Access:** Current AROCA WA Membership Card (must be shown)

**Availability:** Currently financial AROCA WA Members Only

**Locations:** Available at all Burson stores nationally, and, in WA at: Osborne Park, Malaga, Canning Vale, Bibra Lake, Belmont, Myaree, Joondalup & Midvale.





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## RECENT ALFA SALES OVERSEAS

As noted in the February 2022 on-line edition of Sports Car Market (SCM)

### RM SOTHEBY'S HERSHEY, PA

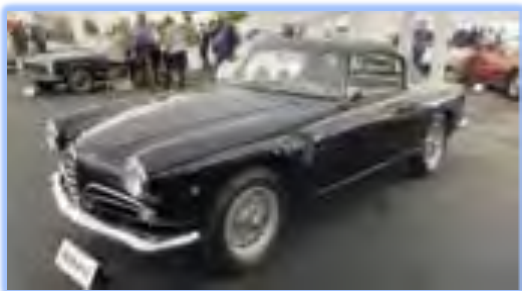


#159-1948 ALFA ROMEO 6C 2500 Sport cabriolet. S/N 915251. Blue/dark blue cloth/red leather. RHD. Odometer: 925 km. 2.5-L I6, 1-bbl, 4-speed. Restored not many years ago, with work likely done in South America. First sold in Buenos Aires back in 1947. Eventually owned in Paraguay prior to consignor's purchase around 2016. Appears to have been fully restored at that time, probably in Paraguay, since it was shipped from there to USA in a private sale. Body and paintwork done well, but not quite to top level as might be expected for such a

notable car. Front bumper paint has some dull spots, some orange peel visible, passenger's door fit off. Chrome mostly excellent. Interior work beautiful in most regards, with nicely done wood and superb gauges. Seats and carpets in red are excellent. The Bakelite steering-wheel hub appears touched up, perhaps the only real flaw, but in the worst spot. Chrome wheels in excellent condition, recently restored in U.S. by Dayton Wire Wheels. Cond: 2+.

**SOLD AT US\$265,000.** *One of Alfa Romeo's most stunning cars, designed by Pinin Farina. The consignor displayed bills for \$176k in mechanical work done between 2017-20. Much of the work addressed transmission and engine problems that now may or may not be fully resolved based on the notes on the bills. One has to wonder whether the owner expected all this when he purchased it. Possibly a situation where there's no enjoyment of a new purchase, just endless trips to the shop, and so he decided to end the relationship. At auction, it was a no-sale with a high bid of \$225k. Then it sold post-auction for \$265k. A number of 6C 2500s, both convertibles and coupes, were recently bid into the high-\$300k to mid-\$400k range. Some were no-sales, as consignors decided not to give in to a moderate drop in prices seen over the past few years. If mechanical issues are now the past, it could turn out to be a good buy at this low price.*

### BONHAMS KNOCKE-HEIST, BEL



#46-1957 ALFA ROMEO 1900 C Super Sprint coupe. S/N AR1900C10464. Black/grey cloth. 2.0-L I4, 2x2-bbl, 5-speed. Elegant 3-window coupé by Touring. Recent high quality repaint in the original black, with some minor imperfections. Panel fit generally good; bonnet touches the intake plenum. Front slightly distorted, "scudetto" not perfectly in line with middle of bumper. Trunk lid needs adjusting. Bottom plate covered with under-seal. Brightwork generally good; scratches on window

surrounds. Interior restored, with signs of wear. Cloth material not period correct, should be wool but it is rougher canvas-type material. Carpets showing age. Dashboard complete, with signs of use. Original steering wheel. Engine has been recently rebuilt. Engine bay clean, exhaust is fairly new. Wire wheels should be painted and not chromed. Old Michelins. History file including the Alfa Romeo Museo Storico certificate. Cond: 2.

**NOT SOLD AT US\$156,182.** *Attractive and elegant, but it didn't look totally sporty, which might have deterred the many prospective Mille Miglia participants in the room. The bidding was not overly enthusiastic with the result being well below expectations considering the lower estimate of \$185k.* ♦



## LATEST CALENDAR UPDATE

| EVENT   | EVENT DATE                                   | COORDINATOR                                   | COMMENTS   |
|---|--|---|--|
| <i>Trinity College Italian Car Display</i>                                      | <i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021</i> | <i>Greg Smith / Rob Rowbottam</i>             | <i>Lunch time display of Alfas from 12:45 until 13:20 at Trinity supports Italian language classes at the school.</i>  |
| <i>Rotary Italian Car Day, Mulberry Estate</i>                                  | <i>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021</i>      | <i>Andrew Murray</i>                          | <i>Date scheduled at Mulberry on Swan. All other details, inc. booking, are provided below.</i>  |
| <i>"Celebration of the Motorcar" Cottesloe Civic Centre</i>                     | <i>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November</i>       | <i>Paul Blank</i>                             | <i>Curated classic car show of invited classic autos. Enjoy a great brunch beside the beach plus great cars!</i>   |
| <i>Annual Pasta Run</i>   | <i>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2021</i>  | <i>Ferrari club is the organizer</i>          | <i>Lunch at "Pasta in the Valley". Meet at Midland carpark at 10:00 for 10:30 departure. TRYBOOKING LINK BELOW!</i>  |
| <i>Christmas Picnic Meet in Hyde Park</i>                                       | <i>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021</i>  |   |  |
| <b>Fish &amp; Chips night beside Swan River</b><br><i>South Perth foreshore</i> | <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January '22</b>   | <b>Sam Calabro</b>                            | Meet beside the Swan in South Perth for fish&chips while watching sunset. <b>A TRYBOOKING LINK IS PROVIDED BELOW!</b>  |
| <b>Sunset run to dinner at Parkerville Tavern</b>                               | <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February '22</b>   | <b>John Reed</b>                              | February club night at sunset is at the Parkerville Tavern. Please complete the Trybooking link provided below. <b>Details are coming soon</b> for this celebratory convoy run that will include plenty of WA's Alfa Romeos. Gala Sunday lunch at Perugino Restaurant in West Perth. See details below with Trybooking link provided. Book early for the club discount. <b>USE THE TRYBOOKING LINK TO GET EARLY BIRD PRICING BEFORE 1<sup>ST</sup> JAN.</b> Details will be announced in the new year. |
| <b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AROCA - President's Run</b>                   | <b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February '22</b> | <b>Andrew Murray / Greg Smith</b>             |  |
| <b>AROCA WA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch</b>                               | <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February '22</b>   | <b>John Reed / Andrew Murray / Greg Smith</b> |  |
| <b>!!!! A VERY SPECIAL END OF OUR 50<sup>th</sup> YEAR EVENT !!!!</b>           |  |   |  |
| <b>CLUB RUN TO THE AVIATION MUSEUM IN BULL CREEK</b>                            | <b>APRIL (Date TBD)</b>                      | <b>TBD</b>                                    |  |
| <b>ALFESTA 2022</b>   | <b>Easter 2022</b>                           | <b>Martin Leaver</b>                          | See brochure below for details   |
| <b>Port Macquarie NSW SHANNONS CLASSIC CAR DAY. At Ascot Racecourse</b>         | <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022</b>        |   | Details to follow.   |
| <b>TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  |  |   |  |
| 1st Tuesday events each month in '21/22   | TBD, after February 2022                     | Club night events in development              | Let the committee know of new ideas for club nights that you may have.   |
| Other runs/EMRs   | TBD  | TBD   | Always seeking new volunteers to help organize these events.   |
| New Events  | TBD  | TBD   | Please offer your ideas for new events & other meeting concepts.   |



## AROCA WA'S 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY INFORMAL RUNS CONTINUE IN FY21/22.

**DATE:** Every third Sunday of the month

**TIME:** 09:30am for coffee with a 10:00am tour departure



Photo by Remi Dargegnan

**STARTS FROM:** Boatshed café, South Perth.  
See: <https://goo.gl/maps/KVSxLuP4Atx>

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday an informal run can start from the South Perth foreshore at 10:00AM. Park near the Boatshed café and the water ramp in the foreshore park. These informal trips depart soon after 10:00am.

A run can commence once participants decide to depart from this starting point. Either individuals or groups can do so as soon as they like after 10:00.

**The WA government will not put its proposed changes to Code 404 into effect in the foreseeable future. Therefore, this informal monthly event continues as per normal during 2021.**

### Check This Video Link:

A 1933 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Monza ex Scuderia Ferrari: Straight-8 Supercharged Engine Sound!

[#AlfaRomeo8CMonza](#) [#AlfaRomeo8C2300](#) [#8C2300Monza](#)



*There is an awful lot of pasta that could be in production above the "Pasta in the Valley" restaurant; that is if the equipment (and pasta) apparently wasn't there primarily for display!*



## CLASSIC CARS & COFFEE

Next CC&C event is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 from 08:30 until 10:30

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NEXT TIME & DATE  
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DECEMBER 27

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The poster features a central graphic of a coffee cup with the event title 'CLASSIC CARS & COFFEE' written across it. Below the cup are three classic cars: a silver convertible, a red station wagon, and a white coupe. The event details, including the date and time, are presented in a calendar icon. At the bottom, there are logos for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and social media icons for Facebook and Instagram.

Another of Richard Peirce's non-Alfas owned at some point was this elegant BMW 30si saloon.





## AROCAWA FISH & CHIPS PICNIC TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022



**DATE & TIME:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, starting at 6:00 PM.

**WHERE:** Meet at the Swan River foreshore in South Perth. From Mill Point Road, head down Coode Street towards the river. There is a large car park on the left in the Sir James Mitchell Park, before you get to the Boatshed restaurant. Park in this carpark on the left where you will find that the AROCA WA picnic area is set up nearby.

**FOOD:** Use the Trybooking link below to order your quality West Australian sourced fish, either battered or grilled, which comes with a serving of chips. The club subsidized price is \$20 per person. Orders will be delivered as we picnic near the river. Note that this Trybooking link will be closed at COB on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**LOW-KEY CASUAL:** On the Tuesday evening, the club will collect the food from the fish shop and provide it to club members and partners while they are sitting on the lawns near the riverside.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Members should bring their own nibbles and drinks, plus glasses, etc. You may also decide to bring your picnic table and chairs.

**CAR PARKING:** Plenty is available close by.

**CHECK THE GOOGLE MAP REF:**

<https://goo.gl/maps/BFmBbNjoWhSvYyXe8>

**BOOK NOW VIA TRYBOOKING:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVIKB>





## AROCA WA'S CLUB NIGHT FOR FEBRUARY 2022



**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

***Dinner at Parkerville Tavern,  
starting at 7PM***

Book to attend via **Trybooking**:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWKNM>

This free booking arrangement has been set up with Trybooking so that the club can advise the Tavern of the exact number of Alfa club guests to be expected on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Dinner for club member attendees will be a la carte at the Tavern

A club run from a Perth location out to the Parkerville Tavern is being planned. It will be advised soon.



Note that you can also use this QR code to receive your Trybooking ticket for this event using your mobile phone.



## AROCA WA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH AT PERUGINO

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022; starting at midday.

Perugino Restaurant, 55 Outram Street, West Perth, 6005.



Perugino is one of Perth's premier restaurants. The WA Alfa Romeo Club has chosen it to be the location of its celebration of our club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

This great lunchtime event will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022; starting at midday.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> February back in 1972, a first advertisement appeared in the West Australian requesting expressions of interest in joining AROCA in WA. It led to the club's founding that year by a small group of keen WA Alfisti. Interestingly, two years earlier, some of these same people had played key roles in establishing the first ever AROCA Division in Victoria.

To celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, AROCA WA has organized a special lunch that should not be missed by anyone involved in the Western Australian Alfa Romeo Owners Club. Our club's committee is looking forward to joining you and your partner for this very special, once-in-50-years, occasion.

Perugino Restaurant is preparing a 5-course Italian lunch for us, including some of the drinks; all at the special price of \$80 per person. Note, for those who book early, up until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, that the club is subsidizing the lunch price for members and their partners with a \$20 a head discount. However, after that date, tickets are only available at the undiscounted per head price of \$80. So, do book ASAP to obtain your early-bird discount. There is also a limited number of tickets available for non-members at \$80 per head. An EFTPOS bar will be in

operation throughout the lunch for additional drink order.

The Pagliaricci family first opened Perugino in West Perth in 1986 where they continue to present traditional Italian cuisine in elegant surroundings. Perugino is situated at 77 Outram Street, West Perth, near to the intersection with Murray Street.

Unfortunately, dining space at Perugino is limited to only 80-attendees for our very special, semi-formal, celebration lunch. Book very soon – don't miss out!

**Use this Trybooking link to book early:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVUYX>



# PERUGINO

***AROCA WA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020***

***at Perugino Restaurant, 55 Outram Street, West Perth, 6005.***



Use this QR code to book for the AROCA WA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch

***OR, make your booking for the AROCA WA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch via Trybooking via this Internet link:***

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Email any questions to us at [admin@alfesta2022.net](mailto:admin@alfesta2022.net)



## 2022 ALFESTA (& POST-TOUR) PLANS AT PORT MACQUARIE NSW

**Alfesta 2022 will be held from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Port Macquarie, NSW.**

“Alfesta”, AROCA’s annual national meeting, is held over the Easter long weekend. After forty years, it has become a well-developed gathering of Alfa owners, enjoying a fun-filled four night, three day social event format. Alfesta allows them to meet like-minded Alfisti from across the country and to explore various attractions and by-roads near the Alfesta location.

AROCA NSW last hosted an Alfesta when the Canberra Chapter invited everyone to the Nation’s Capital in 2013. Before that, it was at Alfesta in Orange in 2009. A NSW return must be well overdue!

For 2022, you are invited to Port Macquarie, a town of about 50,000 on the NSW Mid-North Coast, and the Hastings River area. Alfesta will be held at the Waters Edge Boutique Hotel, right on the Hastings River, less than 1 km from the town centre. The hotel has 61 rooms. Currently, we have all the rooms reserved for Alfesta bookings until 30 November. After that, room bookings will be open to the general public, but if any remain available, you still will be able to book into the Alfesta hotel.

A month ago, 32 of the 61 rooms had been booked with 69 people already registered to attend the event. To book your place, take a visit the [Alfesta website](#). All Alfa Romeos are welcome; whether you have a 101 Spider, or a 147 diesel; Alfesta is still a great event. Over the years, some people have attended even when they have been unable to bring their own Alfa.

In addition to the 32 rooms already booked, approximately another twenty people have registered without yet booking a place or making a hotel room reservation. So, if you are thinking of attending over Easter 2022, please book soon, as it will help the organising committee, and it may mean you avoid the disappointment of missing out on a great event.

The event kicks off on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, with registration, a gift pack, and meeting with new and old friends. Good Friday activities are still being finalised. Saturday starts with the usual Show’n’Shine in the Town Green, where your car cleaning skills will be tested, plus a wander around the shops, before exploring the Port Macquarie area during free time in the afternoon.

The Ray Sharp Observation Run is scheduled for Sunday morning including a scenic drive to the west and south of Port Macquarie. Along the way, there are optional questions to answer, while following the route. After lunch at Long Point Winery, there is more free time in the afternoon before the Alfesta gala dinner.

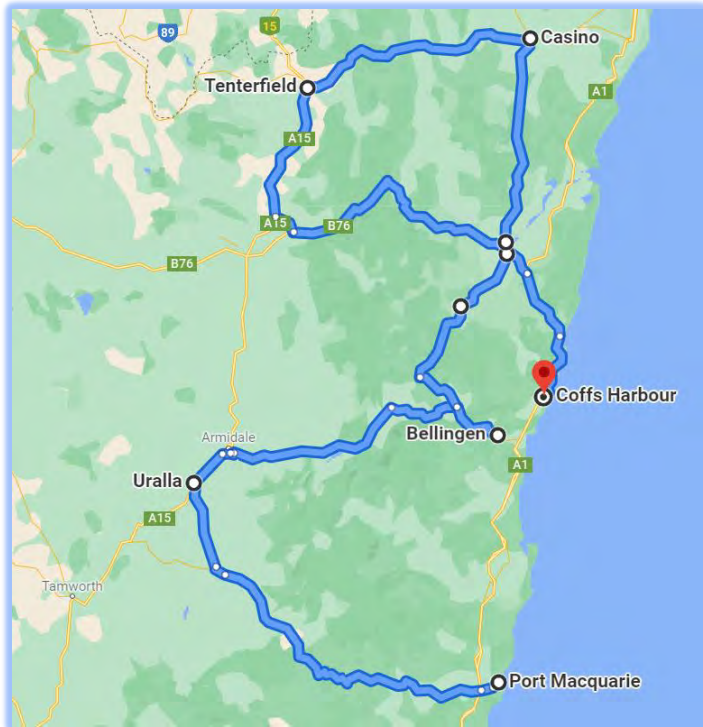
We farewell those not taking part on the post Alfesta Tour on Easter Monday morning.

### Post Alfesta Tour

If you are coming all the way to Alfesta in Port Macquarie, then there is a good chance quite a bit of it (at least should you be driving up from Sydney) will be on M1 dual carriageway. To counterbalance that, the Post-Alfesta Tour for 2022 has scheduled a few days driving on some of the best roads in the country.



The three day tour criss-crosses the Great Dividing Range, as you can see from the map below. You can drive these roads at your own pace. You don't even have to be an Alfesta participant to join the tour group on the full tour. Furthermore, you can drive as much of the tour route as you prefer.



The plan is for us to spend the first night at Bellingen and the second night at Tenterfield. As, via the direct route, Bellingen is only 90 minutes from Port Macquarie, there always is the option of spending your Easter Monday as a tourist day and then joining the tour group for dinner at the Federal Hotel in Bellingen, with a la carte menu choices.

The nature of this tour is that you can pick your own accommodation to suit your tastes, and also order what appeals to you most from the a la carte menus.

The tour route takes the Oxley Highway up to Armidale for lunch, and then the Waterfall Way back to Bellingen on the first day for a drive of around 400 km. The Oxley Highway was cut by landslides that were caused by heavy

rain in March 2021, but the road is now open again to through traffic, although work is still continuing and it may slow our progress a little.

The eastern half of the Oxley Highway is one of the more famous driving roads in the country. Peter Thoeming, in his Australian Motorcycle Atlas, says that this is his favourite road in the world.

After lunch we will head east to Bellingen on the Waterfall Way, which is also a great tourist route that heads through several national parks with lots of Waterfalls to look at. It really is a fun drive.



On Day 2, we head back up Waterfall Way to Dorrigo and then take the Tyringham and Armidale Roads to Grafton, before following the Gwydir Highway across the Gibraltar Range to get to Tenterfield for our overnight stop, which includes dinner at the Rosenhof, after a driving distance of 350 km.

The final day of the tour travels east across the Great Dividing Range once more, this time via the Bruxner Highway towards

Lismore. While driving in the north of NSW, Queenslanders might decide to depart for home around Woodenbong. For those who are later heading south, you can continue to Coffs Harbour, (which was one of the initial locations proposed for Alfesta 2022 before AROCA NSW decided on Port Macquarie).

Martin Leaver, Alfesta 2022 Convenor





## A R O C A W A T R E A S U R E R ' S R E P O R T 1 5 <sup>T H</sup> D E C E M B E R 2 0 2 1



### ALFA ROMEO OWNERS' CLUB of AUSTRALIA (WA Division) Inc.

#### Treasurer's Report as at 15th December 2021

Opening Balance b/f 19/11/2021 \$9,494.79

**INCOME**

**Memberships**

|                     |                |                        |         |                 |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 18/11/2021          | B. Borgomastro |                        | \$80.00 |                 |
|                     | E. Olla Mani   |                        | \$80.00 |                 |
| 22/11/2021          | M. Bertone     |                        | \$80.00 |                 |
|                     | M. Drexel      |                        | \$80.00 |                 |
| 29/11/2021          | S. Romano      |                        | \$80.00 |                 |
| 3/12/2021           | Bachos         | dep by Grace Riccardo  | \$80.00 | \$480.00        |
| <b>OTHER</b>        |                |                        |         |                 |
| 14/12/2021          | Dr. L. Marzo   | 50th Anniversary Diner |         | \$121.00        |
| <b>Total Income</b> |                |                        |         | <b>\$601.00</b> |

**PAYMENTS**

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| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> |  |  |  | <b>\$0.00</b> |

**Net Movement**

**\$601.00**

|                                    |  |             |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Closing Cash Book Balance          |  | \$10,095.79 |
| Closing Balance Westpac 15/12/2021 |  | \$10,095.79 |
| Reconciliation Variance            |  | \$0.00      |

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

|                                |  |             |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Opening Balance b/f 19/11/2021 |  | \$14,181.04 |
| Interest Received 30/11/2021   |  | \$0.12      |
| Closing Balance c/f 15/12/2021 |  | \$14,181.16 |

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

**\$24,276.95**

**EDDIE BERNARDI**  
**TREASURER**  
15th December 2021







## NEW MEMBER APPLICATION AND CURRENT MEMBER RENEWAL

Dear current AROCA WA members and others considering applying for membership in AROCA WA,

**NOTICE TO CONCESSIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS:** *Those AROCA WA members who make use of Western Australia's concessional licensing system to register their historic Alfa Romeos must remain as financial members of the club into each new financial year so that their vehicle's concessional license remains in tact.*

**NOTICE TO NEW MEMBERS:** AROCA WA seeks to increase the number of WA Alfa Club members among Western Australian Alfisti.

Whether you wish to become a new AROCA WA member, or if you need to pay your AROCA WA Subscription for the present financial year, please complete the information request shown over-page and pay your subscription amount to the club, following either of the methods outlined below.

The annual fee continues to be \$80.00 for the financial year, 2020/2021. **Please note that AROCA WA membership renewal for all existing members falls due on 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.**

You can either pay this subscription fee by cheque, making it payable to AROCA WA and then mailing it C/- The Secretary, AROCA WA, P.O. Box 8231, Perth BC, WA, 6849.

Alternatively (or from the club's point-of-view, much preferably), you can pay the amount directly by making an electronic transfer into the club's bank account using the following details:



**Account Name: AROCA WA.  
BSB: 736-054  
Account No.: 070313.**

*(Do note that, if you are paying electronically, then you should include your surname in the payment reference and also advise the club of your payment via a separate email.)*

**Membership Fee: \$80 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**

**Associate Mbr Fee: \$80 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**

We look forward to seeing you at the WA Alfa Club's future events.

Andrew Murray.  
President, AROCA WA.

# ALFA OCCIDENTALE

Issue 57, January 2022



FIRST NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDLINE: \_\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Concession Plate #<br><i>(if applicable)</i> |
|--------------|------|------|--------|---|
|--------------|------|------|--------|---|

Please complete the above form and email it to AROCA WA at [secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE AROCA WA CLUB'S CONCESSIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS:**

*If you are a concessional registration plate holder, note that data on your concession registration has to be provided annually by the club to fulfill Western Australian state regulatory requirements. The due date for this information provision falls immediately after 30<sup>th</sup> June.*

*Therefore, be sure to renew your membership before the end of each financial year in order that your concessional vehicle registration remains current. Otherwise, as a non-financial member who owns a Code 404 concessional registered vehicle, you will be deemed by the WA Department of Transport to be unlicensed.*



## OWNER DECLARATION – CODE 404 CONCESSIONAL VEHICLE LICENCE

I declare that the vehicle, as listed below, is in factory standard specification. I acknowledge that, if the vehicle is modified, then it no longer complies with the regulations and cannot be used under Code 404.

I understand that the onus is with the owner of the vehicle to ensure that the vehicle as listed complies with the regulations and that it is driven within the conditions applied under Code 404. The owner must at all times be a financial member of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (WA Division) for the Code 404 registration to remain valid.

Name of Owner:.....

Alfa Club Membership number:.....

### Vehicle Details:

Make:.....

Year:.....

Model:.....

Chassis Number:.....

Engine Number:.....

Registration Plate:.....

Signature

Date

***If you own a concessionally registered vehicle, please complete this form and then email it to the attention of the Secretary of AROCA WA at secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com***



## DRIVING YOUR CONCESSIONALLY LICENSED ALFA

**THIS SINGLE VEHICLE EVENT APPROVAL FORM IS FOR CURRENT AROCA WA MEMBER-OWNED CONCESSIONALLY REGISTERED VEHICLES.**

*AROCA WA provides this club logging system solely for the use of currently financial AROCA WA club members who own vehicles which are concessionally registered under CODE 404. Completion of this form and providing a completed copy to the club secretary, enables club members to legally drive their vehicles at a "single vehicle event" such as to a wedding, picnic, country drive, etc. Note that multiple forms should be provided for any multiple-day events.*

**MEMBER'S FIRST NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER'S SURNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AROCA WA MEMBER NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE TO BE DRIVEN:**

VEHICLE

BUILD YEAR

REGISTRATION PLATE

CONCESSIONAL REGO.  
@ AROCA WA

**TRIP DETAILS:**

**TRIP DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD / MM / YYYY)

**DESCRIPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Purpose of trip in a few words only.*

***Prior to undertaking any single vehicle trip, be sure to complete and email this simplified form to AROCA WA, where this trip will be logged by the club. ([secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com))***

After sending your completed form to the AROCA WA club secretary, you should also print out a filled-in copy of this form. Be sure to keep it with you in your vehicle during your trip.

*Additionally, note that it is a condition of Code 404 that you remain a financial car club member at all times. Be sure to have your current year membership card with you while travelling. Please be aware that, otherwise, if stopped, you may be personally deemed to be unlicensed.*



## AROCA WA MEMBER PROFILES PUBLISHED IN PAST ISSUES

Below is a directory of profiles published to date in Alfa Occidentale. Most profiles have come from interviews with individual Club members, both long-term and new, while others are from elsewhere.

All profiles can be found on the club's website in the filed back copies of Alfa Occidentale. See....<https://www.alfaclubwa.com.au/newsletters/>

The issue and page number of each profile is shown below.

| Profile                      | Issue | Page | Comment   |
|------------------------------|-------|------|---|
| <b>Glen Phillips</b>         | 5     | 22   | <i>Glen is AROCA WA life member #2. A club hero of the WA Alfa &amp; WA Fiat/Lancia clubs – both are surprised by how much Glen is involved in the other.</i>                 |
| <b>Bruce Thomas</b>          | 6     | 20   | <i>Bruce is an AROCA WA foundation member. He has owned his beautiful green 105 GT which he bought brand new while in the UK.</i>   |
| <b>Norm Craven-Kelly</b>     | 7     | 15   | <i>Bruce Thomas recalls the late “Il Presidente”, a key founder at both the Vic. &amp; WA AROCA divisions and a larger-than-life character.</i>                               |
| <b>John Schoen</b>           | 9     | 17   | <i>Past AROCA WA club champion and the present or past owner of so many Alfas, John reviews his life involving classic sports cars.</i>                                       |
| <b>John Court</b>            | 12    | 21   | <i>Renovator of Alfas, classic British cars and military vehicles owner, many of which are in his lock-up factory, south of Fremantle.</i>                                    |
| <b>Andrew Murray</b>         | 13    | 24   | <i>AROCA WA president, Andrew has owned many important Alfas and other classic cars. He is a walking encyclopaedia on all matters Alfa – especially if it concerns a 105.</i> |
| <b>Michael Barrenger</b>     | 15    | 8    | <i>Michael Barrenger writes about his “Alfettish” and the acquisition of sought-for cars he now has in renovation or modification.</i>  |
| <b>Leon Cottle</b>           | 18    | 21   | <i>AGOG founder, AROCA Vic Goldfields group convenor and serious Alpine Alfisti, Leon drives his cherished 3.2L GT everywhere.</i>  |
| <b>Greg Smith</b>            | 19    | 13   | <i>Greg recalls his Alfa 75 QV in snowy New Jersey and its sad demise on the NJ Turnpike (on his birthday, but now 26 years ago!)</i>   |
| <b>Ivan Olsen</b>            | 19    | 15   | <i>AROCA WA past president, Ivan, rallied an Opel in wintry Scandinavia before buying his first Alfa in Perth in 2009.</i>  |
| <b>Ugo Sivocci</b>           | 25    | 13   | <i>Early 1920s Alfa racing driver originated the Quadrifoglio Verde badge, the absence of which coincided with his death while driving.</i>                                   |
| <b>Keith Martin</b>          | 28    | 8    | <i>The founder of “Sports Car Market” magazine, multiple Alfa owner, US car concours judge and appraiser, talks about his recent stroke.</i>                                  |
| <b>John Reed</b>             | 33    | 7    | <i>Ex-Royal Navy engineer, John has built a 105 GTA replica and fully renovated his favourite Giulia Sprint GT – not just once, but twice!</i>                                |
| <b>Paul Blank</b>            | 34    | 10   | <i>WA’s classic motoring events organizer extraordinaire, Paul loves all types of classic cars. He has owned many - including Alfas.</i>                                      |
| <b>Keith Martin (update)</b> | 35    | 24   | <i>Keith describes replacing his long preferred manual Alfas with automatic classic cars due to the limitations caused by his stroke.</i>                                     |
| <b>Rachelle Domansky</b>     | 36    | 10   | <i>Rachelle says: “At last, a female is profiled among all those male Alfa car addicts!” She owns a white Duetto named “Audrey”.</i>  |
| <b>Piero Pagano</b>          | 37    | 13   | <i>New WA AROCA member, Piero’s love of cars started very early. His career has always been in automotive electrics.</i>  |



| Profile                   | Issue | Page | Comment  |
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| <b>Scott McKivett</b>     | 38    | 10   | <i>Scott is also new to AROCA WA. An auto mechanic with a life-long love of cars, he is currently restoring his 1973 105 GTV.</i>          |
| <b>Anita Percudani</b>    | 40    | 10   | <i>Anita joined AROCA WA in 2018. She has owned her 1969 Alfa 105 GT Junior since she first qualified for her WA driver's license.</i>     |
| <b>Kyle Atwood</b>        | 42    | 14   | <i>New AROCA WA member, Kyle, drives a 2003 Alfa spider. An auto photographer, he has made many impressive car photoshoots.</i>            |
| <b>Peter Mathews</b>      | 44    | 22   | <i>In 2020, Peter became national coordinator of AROCA. He has owned some very well-prepared Alfa Romeos over a long period.</i>           |
| <b>Aidan Daly</b>         | 47    | 12   | <i>IT security guru and AROCA WA member, Aidan Daly, talks about the new Stelvio QV he recently drove out of the showroom.</i>             |
| <b>Sam Calabro</b>        | 48    | 18   | <i>Long-term AROCA WA member, Sam can't count how many 105 series Alfas he has owned (plus the Porsches, Alpines, Ferraris, etc.)</i>      |
| <b>Enzo Simeone</b>       | 49    | 16   | <i>Enzo loves driving his new Giulia QV, but worries about his beloved 105 GTV, which still waits for him, idle under its dust cover.</i>  |
| <b>Andrew Stevens</b>     | 50    | 13   | <i>Former club secretary, Andrew has lived in the UK since 2006. He drives his 1750 GTV to car events everywhere across Europe.</i>        |
| <b>Steve Sudgen</b>       | 51    | 10   | <i>Club committee member and Alfa representative to the CMC, Steve Sugden loves his long-owned Alfetta GTV 6</i>                           |
| <b>David Hamlyn</b>       | 52    | 9    | <i>Membership Secretary, David Hamlyn has many non-work interests including MotoGuzzis, Alfas, Electric Bikes, Kite Boarding, etc.</i>     |
| <b>Eddie Bernardi</b>     | 55    | 18   | <i>AROCA WA Club Treasurer, Eddie Bernardi, talks about his love for the black, 2.4 litre diesel Alfa 159 that he has owned since new.</i> |
| <b>Richard Peirce</b>     | 57    | 15   | <i>AROCA WA member, Richard, owns Alfas, Mercedes and some British cars. Are there too many for him to drive them all?</i>                 |
| <b>Someone you know ?</b> |       |      | <i>Alfa Occidentale is very keen to interview more WA Alfa Club members to continue this series of profiles.</i>                           |

## SANTA SEEN IN SPORTY DUETTO



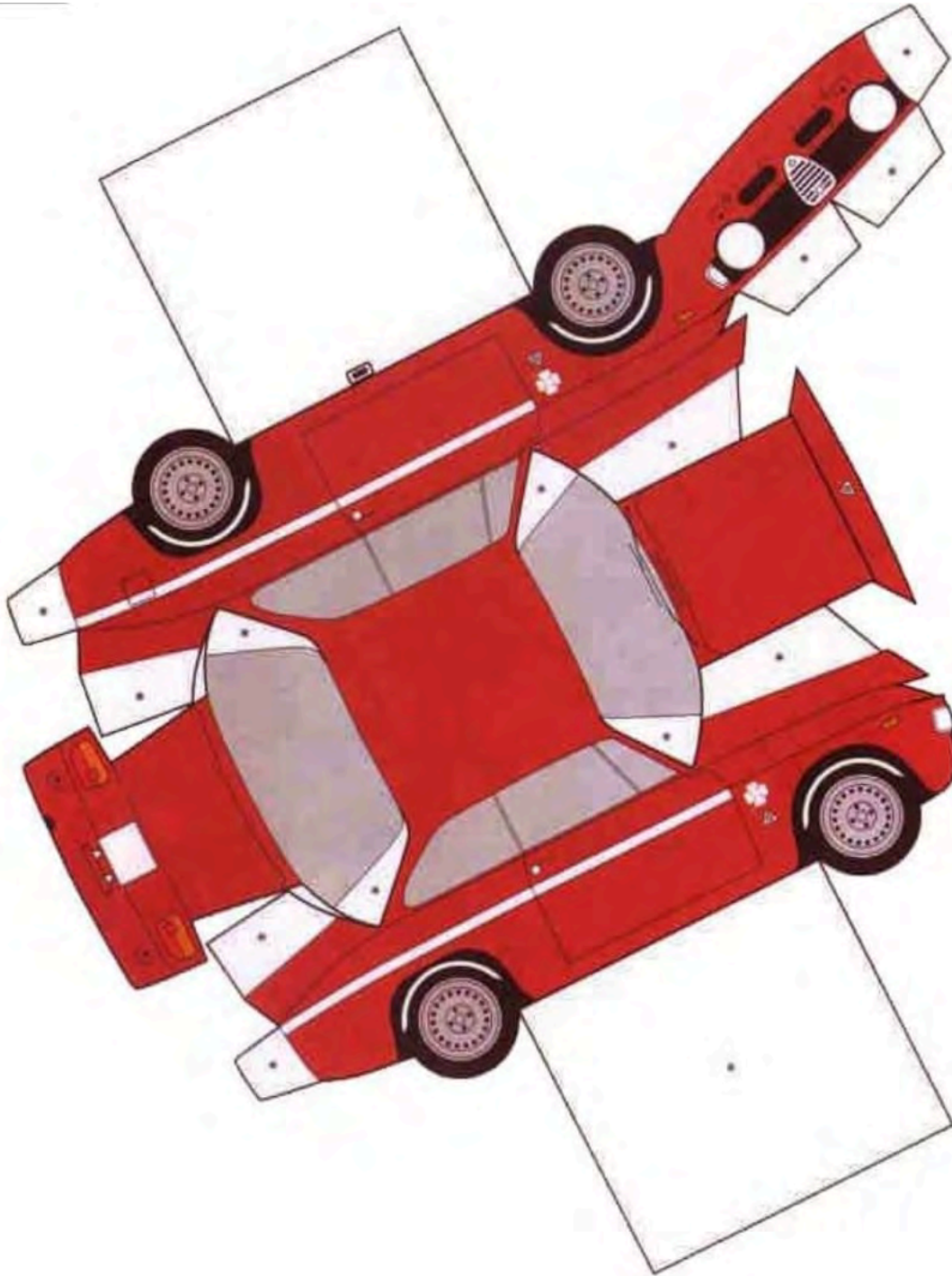
*Some years ago, Santa Claus was spotted driving a black Duetto Spider with a roll bar. Whose Alfa is it?*

*Was it really at Christmas in Perth, or do those Autumn leaves indicate the correct season, but in another country? (Note also no rego. plate is visible)*

*Be aware that the Santa piloting the Alfa in this photo actually is one of the people profiled in the growing list above ..... But who is it?*



## EVERYONE GETS A GTA FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR



As recently offered by the Goetzelmann Racing Team on Facebook.  
[www.stefan-goetzelmann.de](http://www.stefan-goetzelmann.de)