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Carlie Oswalt gets ready to race during the annual Go-Kart races at JRP Speedway April 26.

Events

JUNE

- 9 Racing Celebration, Garnett, KS
- 14 Second Sunday Tech Session, David Simmons
- 19-21 EuroExtravaganza, Sand Springs.

JULY

- 4 Party, Simmons
- 16-19 AROC National Convention, Portland, OR

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It's Show Time!

Two car shows are on the Club calendar in June. First up is a celebration of road racing in Lake Garnett, Kansas, about 3.5 hours north of Tulsa where Highways 169 and 59 intersect. Lake Garnett was on a road racing circuit in the 1960s and 70s which included Lake Afton in Wichita, Ponca City and Warbonnet in Mannford.

The first Lake Garnett race was held 50 years ago in 1959 and the Lake Garnett Cruisers are celebrating the anniversary as part of their Motor Mania Weekend. One of the cars that raced in 1959 is David Simmons 1958 Veloce, which was owned and raced by Ernie Grimm's wife Vee. David plans to take the Veloce to Garnett for the occasion,

Here's a chance to drive your Alfa (or non-Alfa) to a celebration of racing and Alfas. The registration form is available at www.lakegarnettcruisers.com. Check our website at www.rocok.org for a link. Watch your email and the AROCOK listserv for information about caravanning to the event.

The second car show is the annual Jaguar Club hosted event in Sand Springs. June 19-21. Go to www.eumoex.com for the registration form or visit our webpage for a link. The Jaguar Club has asked for volunteers to man (woman?) the silent auction from 10:00- noon; to help the photographers with the photos during setup and Les Neidell and David Simmons need help driving cars to the show. To volunteer for any of the above, let Autumn know. kuhawk4life@hotmail.com.

And, of course, the best thing you can do is bring your Alfa to the show. It's a beautiful venue around the triangle in downtown Sand Springs with plenty of interesting European cars to look at. There's not a better way to spend a sunny Saturday morning in June than having people admire your Alfa and getting to answer questions about your favorite marque.

An advertising campaign once called Alfa "the car of summer." Drive it to one or both shows and show it off to kick off a great Alfa summer!



David Simmons helps Steve Coldewe put Steve's SS back on the trailer after the Saturday rally during Spring Fling, May 1-3 in Washington, MO.

Member News

Welcome to new members: **Blaine Jones**, P.O. Box 123, Pryor, OK 74362; 918-825-0123, rbjones@sbcglobal.net and **Mike Ramsey**, 32210 E 721 Rd, Waggoner, OK 74467; 918-485-0734, mbrzone@yahoo.com. New addresses for **Jerry and Patty Pickerell**, PO Box 371, Westcliff, CO 81252 and for **Chris Dykes**, 9725 N 387 Rd, Hulbert, OK, 74441. Condolences to **Scott and Trent Fowler** on the recent death of their father.

MiTo in Colorado!

For photos of the MiTo being altitude tested in Boulder, go to <http://www.centerlinealfa.com/cars/mito/index.html>

Garnett, Kansas to host 50th Anniversary Reunion of the Lake Garnett National S.C.C.A. Road Races

The Lake Garnett course was the venue for nine SCCA Nationals from 1959 through 1972. Drivers included Jim Hall, Don Yenke, Harry Heuer, John Fitch, Dick Thompson, **Toly Arutunoff**, Bob Tullius, Jack Hinkle, Mack Yates, Bob Johnson, Dave McDonald, Ken Miles, Chuck Dietrich, Bill Noble, Ray Caldwell, Harvey Templeton, Duck Waddle, Donna Mae Mims, and many others.

Vintage sports cars, drivers, crew, officials, and spectators from the Lake Garnett sports car racing era are invited to participate in Motor Mania Weekend June 6, 2009.

Vintage sports cars will participate in a car show (downtown Garnett) and driven to the course for parade laps of the 2.7 mile course. View memorabilia on display and vintage film of the historic races to be projected on 20-foot

Eureka Springs!

The weekend of Oct. 23-25 seems as if it's a long way off. But—we're in charge this year and plans are getting underway. Some members have volunteered for assignments and we need volunteers for others.

Watch for a meeting to be scheduled soon for more in depth planning.

Meanwhile, here are the plans to date:

• *Tentative Theme: Second Time Around.* We're the second club to host the event; it's the second time we've hosted. (The first time was 1999 because Kansas City hosted the 1999 National Convention.) And it's the beginning of the second 25 years.

Volunteers to date:

- Registration: Joan Neidell
- Autocross: The Family Perlingiere
- Rally: David and Eileen Simmons
- Graphic Design: Scott Fowler.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Concours
- Doorprizes
- Hospitality Room - snacks, drinks and hosting

If you'd like to volunteer, please let Autumn Perlingiere (kuhawk4life@hotmail.com) or David Simmons (simmos5@cimtel.net) know.

projection screens.

The course is in its original configuration, maintained in superb condition, and is used biannually for kart racing. KART Mid America Road Race will also be held on June 6 and 7.

Registration is 8 a.m. until noon and is \$15.00/vehicle. Awards will be given at 3:27 p.m.

The registration form is available at www.lakegarnettcruisers.com or on our website: www.arocok.org



The Cobras of Bob Johnson, Dave McDonald, and Ken Miles lead in the 1963 A, B, and C Production Race.

Rain, rain go away. . .

And it did, at least for a while. April 26, the date of our annual Kart race, was one of the 21 consecutive days of rain in the Tulsa area during April and May. The Person in Charge of Kart Racing, David Simmons, received several calls and emails about contingency plans. Luckily, he didn't need any.

Kart racers met at the JRP track at 3:00 that Sunday afternoon and soon were divided into groups and on the track racing. The groups had practice runs, then timed runs. The fastest people in each group then raced in the challenge race. Some novice drivers did quite well.

Most of the photos that accompany this article were taken by Keith Kelly, sidelined by a broken collarbone in a bicycling accident. Unable to resist the siren call of the Kart engines, Keith did a credible job of racing while driving with one arm.

After the race, Club members adjourned to Mazzio's pizza in Sand Springs to eat, talk and enjoy.

And the rain? It held off until late that night.

Eileen Simmons, Claudia Oswalt and Julie Perlingiere line up for the Women's Race. Jamie Perlingiere and David Simmons visit near the scorer's stand.



JR Purvis gives a thumbs up as he prepares to race.



Jamie Perlingiere gets some animated advice from wife Autumn before a race.



Focused on racing, Jonathan Hyman waits his turn to enter the track.



Keith Kelly demonstrates the fine art of one-armed racing as he rounds a corner, followed by Scott Fowlers and Doug Harris. (photo by Eileen Simmons)

Tyler Cruce, iPod firmly in place, waits for his chance to race.



A group of spectators watch the Kart races come down the straight: Claudia Oswalt, Alan Oswalt, David Simmons, Eileen Simmons.



Alf Gebhardt, owner of JRP Racing, signals the end of a race to Mercedes Millberry.



Trent Fowler flashes the "V for Victory" sign. His brother Scott angles his Kart in line immediately behind Trent.



Sibling rivalry in action: Jamie Perlingiere leads his sister Dani around a corner. Or maybe Dani's lapping him.



James Perlingiere gets an encouraging handshake from wife Julie.

Rosie Schmid's smile shows the fun she's anticipating on the track.



Behind the death head helmet, Dani Perlingiere takes her turn in Kart #8 in the Challenge Race.



Another thumbs-up for racing comes from Karl Schmid.



A month after hip-replacement surgery, Alan Oswald goes Kart racing.



Alf Gebhardt lines up the racers for the Challenge Race, the fastest Kart drivers in the Men's and Women's classes.



Les Neidell demonstrates his Kart racing skills.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...



In the Women's Class: First place Autumn Perlingiere, Second Place, Claudia Oswalt, Third Place, Julie Perlingiere.



In the Men's Class: First Place, Trent Fowler; Second Place, JR Purvis; Third Place, Tyler Cruce. Tyler was a first-time Kart racer.



In the Challenge Race: First place, Doug Harris; Second place, Dani Perlingiere; Third Place, Alan Oswalt. Doug also won Fastest Time of the Day.



Designer extraordinaire Scott Fowler not only raced, but also designed the beautiful trophies for the Kart Race. Thanks, Scott!

About Those May Flowers. . .

by Eileen Simmons

For years, David and I wanted to attend Spring Fling, an Alfa weekend hosted by the St. Louis chapter. We heard rave reviews from the Kansas City Alfisti who regularly attend and from the occasional Oklahoman who went. So for years it remained on our “to do” list, mainly because of distance and time. Washington, Missouri is quite a bit farther from Tulsa than Eureka Springs and time off when you’re a classroom teacher is difficult, especially in the spring.

As of the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, classroom teaching was no longer an issue. Time off is easier to manage in Professional Development. Joan and Les Neidell also wanted to go, so the four of us decided we’d drive over in a two-vehicle caravan. We’d meet at 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 1 at the Quik-Trip at 161st and I-44.

STARTING OUT

The beginning of the trip was inauspicious, to say the least. Heavy rain was falling. David looked at it and said, “Do we really want to do this?” “Yes,” I said. So off we drove—in the Mini Cooper, which David designated as the MiOne.

As we were crossing Keystone Dam, my cell phone rang. It was Joan, telling me that the Alfa GTV6 was shorting out, so they were going to go back home and change cars. Not a problem, we said. We were running late, so we’d just wait for them at the Quik-Trip. Between the dam and Quik-Trip, David amused himself by counting



\The MiOne, David Simmons “Alfa” of choice for Spring Fling, 2009.

wrecks—nine of them.

At Quik-Trip, we got gas, parked and waited for the Neidells. The deluge kept coming. The person who seemed most prepared for a trip east was a guy who drove in with a canoe tied to his pickup. Joan and Les arrived in their red Toyota Highlander and we headed northeast towards Missouri.

Still the deluge kept coming. It was raining so hard that we kept track of each other via frequent cell phone calls. The rain let up between the Missouri border and Springfield, where we stopped for lunch. By the time we finished lunch, the rain had caught up with us. But as we got closer to Washington, the rain got lighter: a good omen for a fun-filled Alfa weekend.

FRIDAY NIGHT: PIZZA AND SOCIALIZING

The first Spring Fling event was a pizza party at the Spring Fling headquarters, the Super 8 motel. It was fun to see and visit with Alfisti we



Bruce Tilden’s story must have been incredulous based on reactions from Marian Hatcher, Phyllis Tilden and Janet Hirsch at the Friday night pizza party.



Diana Bennett and Les and Joan Neidell visit after pizza and dessert Friday night of Spring Fling.

usually see once a year in Eureka Springs: Phyllis and Bruce Tilden and Darreld and Marilyn Ellis from the Kansas City chapter; Bernie and Diana Bennett from the Texas Hill Country Club; Rich and Janet Hirsch, Ralph Coldewe and Jane Rauch, Steve and Sherri Coldewe; Mike and Sue Houser from St. Louis and John and Laura Greason from Memphis. It was also fun to meet new people, put names I had read in the St. Louis chapter newsletter with faces, and hear their Alfa stories. The St. Louis chapter members brought drinks, appetizers and desserts to go with the pizza, so there was plenty of food. Much discussion centered around the possibility of rain during the weekend.

SATURDAY: RALLY, ART SHOW, BANQUET

Saturday morning, I opened the curtains in our hotel room and much to my amazement, the sun was shining and the sky was clear. It looked like it was going to be a great rally day. After breakfast and a drivers meeting, we lined up to get the instructions and our time out. New St. Louis members (and transplanted Capitol

David Simmons inspects tombstones in the Washington Lutheran Cemetery on one of the rally stops.



Darreld Ellis takes a photo of the photographer taking his photo, much to the amusement of Bruce Tilden.

Chapter members, where Alex is the 2010 National Convention Chair) Alex and Kathleen Csank were the rallymasters. Kathleen took photos as we got the directions from Alex.

The rally was a lovely drive through Missouri farm and wine country, with one stop at a cemetery to do a tombstone rubbing. The roads were good Alfa roads and fun in a MiOne, too. It ended in Washington at The Bier Deck, where we enjoyed a leisurely lunch and more visiting. Then we drove to the Art Show.

The Art Show was hosted by Walt and Marian Hatcher in their home on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River. An accomplished artist, Marian grew up in the house and inherited it from her father. The front porch is lovely for sitting and visiting and Alfas lined the driveway to the house. Groups also gathered on the lawn and in the house to view the art show and also admire Marian's art work on the walls of the house. The show was an extension of the leisurely visits on the Bier Deck and, although the official hours were 2-4, Alfisti arrived early and left late.

It didn't rain all day.

The Saturday night banquet was held at The Landing, a restaurant in downtown Washington. We had the second floor for our festivities—dinner, door prizes and the photos, nicely framed, that Kathleen Csank had taken as we left on the rally. David and I had taken several Alfa Deco items for door prizes, including some posters. Those, it turns out, are extremely popular. (Are you paying attention, Scott?!) After the banquet, there was more Alfa talk in the hospitality room at the hotel.

It still didn't rain.



Rich Hirsch and Bruce Tilden admire an Alfa engine during the Sunday morning concours.



Art on the Missouri River: A few of the Alfas that lined Walt and Marian Hatcher's driveway during the Saturday art show.

SUNDAY: AUTOCROSS, CONCOURS, BRUNCH

Sunday morning was cloudy and cool and after breakfast we drove to the autocross and concours site outside of town. The autocross site is larger than the one at Eureka, and the course was more open, but still tight. David attached the Alfa magnet to the hood of the MiOne and put the Alfa Azione door magnet on, too. (Alfa Azione was AROC Convention hosted by the St. Louis chapter in 1992.) He ran four times, one more than the three planned, because his third one wasn't clocked. He looked like he was having fun.

The concours was around the corner from the autocross and contained a nice display of Alfas, with the usual inspection and discussion happening as people decided which one to vote for in the People's Choice Event.

It wasn't raining.

The awards brunch was in Defiance, Missouri, about a half an hour drive east from Washington. We regretfully decided to pass on the brunch and

head home, knowing that attending the brunch would add about an hour to our six-hour drive home. We said our goodbyes, told everyone we hoped to see them in Eureka and headed towards I-44.

Just outside Rolla, Missouri—it started raining.



David Simmons puts the MiOne through its paces during the Sunday morning autocross. He placed third in autocross.



Joan and Les Neidell visit with Bob Volpe and JT Crownover during the Spring Fling concours Sunday morning, May 3. The Niedells won third place in the rally.

David Simmons and Ralph Coldewe discuss Giulietta engines as they look at Ralph's 1959 Normale.



Sue Houser and Bernie Bennett get caught up on all things Alfa and otherwise.



David Simmons listens as Walt Hatcher makes a point before the Saturday night banquet. David's Quadrifoglio metal sculpture placed second in the art show held Saturday afternoon at Walt's house.

ALL BRITISH & EUROPEAN CARS

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June 19 Friday: 4:00 pm: Registration, cook out, tailgate party Sand Springs Hampton Inn (Host Hotel) 6:30 P.M. till ??????

June 20 Saturday: 8:00-10:00 a.m. Registration and set up downtown Sand Springs. 10:00-2:00 Cars in place, participants' choice judging. 6:00 p.m. Awards Dinner at Chastain's Casual Café.

June 21^s Sunday: 9:00 a.m.: Slalom on K-Mart parking lot.

REGISTRATION FORM :

Please complete and return to: **JAGUAR CLUB OF TULSA, PO Box 471134, Tulsa, OK 74147.**
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Participant Names _____
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E-mail _____ Phone: _____

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SHOW PACKAGE (before 6/1/09): Includes one car entry, free hat and one dinner \$55 \$ _____

After 6/1/09 Show package will not include hat Additional hats @ \$15 each \$ _____

Registration prior to 6/1/09: \$30 1st car, \$15 each additional car. \$ _____

Registration after 6/1/09: \$35 1st car , \$20 each additional car \$ _____

Awards Dinner: # persons _____ @ \$25 each (June 20 reservations cannot be guaranteed) \$ _____

Slalom only: \$15 (JCNA members deduct \$5, club covers insurance) \$ _____

Additional donation to Akdar Shrine Transportation Fund THANKS! \$ _____

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Entrant signature: _____ Date: _____



Membership Application

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Tell us about your Alfa(s) _____

Janet and Rich Hirsch of the host St. Louis Club enjoy the doorprize presentation at the Spring Fling banquet.

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