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The 2008 Hare and Hound Rally winners, Claudia and Alan Oswalt, cook hamburgers at the end of the event. Will they repeat as winners this year?

Events

AUGUST

22 Hare and Hound Rally

SEPTEMBER

12 Meeting/Bocce Tournament
26 Meeting

OCTOBER

23-25 Eureka Springs

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The Chase is On!

The Hound chasing the Hare, of course, as in our second Hare and Hound Rally, Saturday, August 22. The rally will begin at the new Route 66 pedestrian bridge parking lot at 12th and Riverside at 10:00 a.m. and will end a couple of hours later at a place appropriate for a cookout and picnic.

David Simmons has been poring over Goggle Earth maps, driving circuitous routes home from work and chuckling evilly as he plots the rally—all of which promises a fun Saturday morning in August.

The Club will provide the hamburgers and buns for the cookout. Bring side dishes, desserts and drinks for the picnic at the end of the rally. Please RSVP to Autumn at kuhawk4life@hotmail.com to let her know if you're coming so we'll have an estimate of how many hamburgers we'll need to cook.

Looking forward—mark the annual bocce tournament on your calendar. The September 12 event will be combined with one of two meetings that month to complete plans for Eureka. You'll find the registration form for Eureka Springs in this newsletter and on our website: www.arocok.org. It's not too early to register. Don't delay in reserving your hotel rooms. Inn of the Ozarks has a block of 25 rooms for the Alfa Club and will release them after September 23. Several Alfisti have already made reservations.

The July 4 party was a blast! (Pun fully intended.) Good company, good food and great fireworks, those provided by Alfisti in the Simmons driveway and the view from the upper deck at the fireworks all around Lake Keystone and beyond. However, your newsletter editor was too busy eating and talking to get photos!

Make this an Alfa Summer by driving yours on a perfect Alfa road on a warm summer evening!



Dani Perlingiere drives in her first autocross, actually a slalom sponsored by the Jaguar Club of Tulsa. (Photo by James Perlingiere)

Member News

A car seat for the Snort Sedan? It will happen in February, according to the happy and excited parents-to-be, *Jamie and Autumn Perlingiere*. Congratulations are in order as we prepare to welcome the third generation of Oklahoma Alfisti!

Videos for your entertainment

John Justus of the Kansas City Club sent this YouTube link, which he got from the Montreal forum: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oy5142caBmo>. Watch it for nice views of Alfas in Rome and an interesting Montreal ride.

Bocce in downtown Tulsa

Want to practice your bocce skills before the Club Tournament September 12? Dilly Deli, 402 E. Second Street in downtown Tulsa has a bocce ball court. The food has received excellent reviews, too!

Eureka volunteers

Thank you to Jeff Lang, who has volunteered to be in charge of the concours and to Autumn Perlingiere, who is busy lining up door prizes. AROCOK members have contributed some impressive prizes!

Russ is Racing Again!



Russ Neely checks out his Spider as his crew chief John DiMaggio relaxes. Russ went back on the track at the July 4-5 SCCA Regionals at Hallett.

Russ and Peg Neely and John DiMaggio planned to come to the July 4 party at our house—and bring along some other racing people. About mid-afternoon on July 4, our phone rang. It was Russ, reporting that his clutch had gone out. He said he wasn't sure they'd make it to the party and he checked with David about available parts, just in case he needed them. The group didn't make it to the party, but Russ did run Sunday.

Here is his report:

We got the race car done and finished the races both days. Saturday morning, I had to qualify in the rain. It was slick and I did not have any rain tires. My Alfa is not competitive with the other two cars in my class who were there. They are both at least 2 or 3 seconds a lap faster than I am.

Alfas "autocross" Jaguar Style

Story and photos by James Perlingiere

One of the strangest autocrosses you will ever see is the one that is run in conjunction with the Euro Motor Extravaganza in Sand Springs! It is set up using a portion of the KMart parking lot - just enough room to fit the course. And the course must fit!

It is of a prescribed size and shape that must be followed, so that it matches any of the same ones run on other parking lots around the country. The participants are required to circumnavigate the course three times - once in an hourglass shape, once in a figure eight, and once in an oval, with a garage finish!

Many Alfisti were there again this year, and thankfully the organizers decided to move the event to Sunday morning, when it isn't quite so hot! Jamie, Dani, and James Perlingiere all worked hard driving the same 1977 Spider. Alan Oswald brought out his Duetto. Keith Kelly came in his GTV, and Les Neidell was there in his big

red Saloon!

For most of the event, Jamie had the fastest time in an Alfa. On his last run, James was able to duck under Jamie's time by a few hundredths of a second. And on Keith's last run, he was able to beat James by a few thousandths of a second to take fastest Alfa! Dani was quick (just one second behind Jamie) for fourth place.

By the way, Dani was driving in her very first autocross. At 17, she is the same age as Jamie and James were when they began autocrossing. Better look out!

As always, the intrepid racers had plenty of support (who kindly brought large quantities of water and Gatorade.) Claudia Oswald and Autumn Perlingiere were there early, setting up camp (chairs) in the limited shade area - along the wall of the KMart building. Julie Perlingiere arrived later with the youngest spectator - Candy, their newest puppy!



Keith Kelly takes his turn around the slalom course. He had the Fastest Alfa of the Day in the event, held in conjunction with EuroExtravaganza.



It's Jamie Perlingiere's turn in the Perlingiere Autocross Spider. For most of the event, his time was the fastest in an Alfa.



Driving her in her first autocross, 17-year-old Dani Perlingiere makes a turn in the EuroExtravaganza Slalom, held on the K-Mart parking lot in Sand Springs. Dani is continuing a Perlingiere family tradition.



Alan Oswalt concentrates on the course during his turn at driving the Slalom.

Dani Perlingiere celebrates her first autocross with her new puppy, Candy, who is in Dani's racing helmet.



A member of both the Alfa and Jaguar Clubs, Les Neidell watches the action on the slalom track.

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Join us as the Oklahoma Alfa Club continues the 25-year Fall Fling Tradition
Fall Fling, 2009

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

October 23-25

Where: Eureka Springs, AR

Schedule (Flexible)

What: A weekend of Alfa Overload

- Rally
- Concours
- Autocross
- Alfa talk

Friday

- Registration and happy hour 3-6 p.m.
- Dinner with informal groups
- More conversation and continued happy hour after dinner.

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Saturday

- Rally - mid-morning
- Banquet 6:30. Cash bar before dinner.

Make your reservations ASAP. Tell them you're with the Alfa Club. The hotel is holding a block of 25 rooms until September 23. After that date, the rooms will be released.

Sunday

- Autocross 9:00 a.m.
- Concours 10:30 a.m.
- Awards Brunch Noon

Fall Fling Registration 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Car Description(s): _____

Approximate Time of Arrival: _____

Events you plan to enter:

- _____ Rally
- _____ Autocross
- _____ Concours
- _____ Saturday Banquet
- _____ Sunday Brunch

Car Registration \$30/car \$ _____

Banquet Dinner \$28/person \$ _____

Select one for each person

___ Roast Sirloin of Beef

___ Chicken Romano

___ Baked Red Snapper

Awards Brunch \$16/person \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Send registration form and check payable to
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FOR SALE: 1991 164. \$1,500 negotiable. Call John Pickett 918-637-8954.

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Tell us about your Alfa(s) _____

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