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Editorial Comments: There are still plenty of things to do on the Calendar!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month: November 2019.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo Montreal Vision GT Concept



Recent Events: Fort DeSoto Annual Picnic & Car Show



It was a “Rag Top Day”

Article by: Harmon Heed

“Little Miss Giulia sat on her stoolia
Eating by the surf and waves.
Along came a spider who parked right beside her
And said “Buongiorno to a rag top day!”

And the opening to the Florida Alfa Club’s in October season was just that at Ft DeSoto Beach: 80 degrees, a cooling breeze off of the Gulf of Mexico to sway the palms and blow any hot, summer cobwebs away, picnic tables full of food in the shade, the barbecue pits fires up, 38 friends contributing to the cornucopia and 18 Alfas lined up out in front

Twelve of those Alfas were top down: Harmon & Jo Heed’s blond, ‘64 Giulia, Phil & Delia Rosile’s red, ‘69 roundtail; Kathleen & Tony LaPorta’s ivory, ‘74; Mike Cogswell & Cheri Adkin’s red, 82 Veloce; Barry Andress’ red, ‘83 Veloce; new member Angel Serrano’s red, ‘87 Veloce; Tim Roger’s silver, ‘86 Quad, Jim & Gabie Zitnick’s (the organizers) silver ‘91 Veloce; Chip Denyko’s giallo, ‘93 Veloce; Tom & Carol Rossi’s white, ‘15 spider Launch; Nick & Kathy Rao’s white, ‘18 Fiat 124 and new member Ted & Valeri Strickland’s white ‘91 spider Quadrifoglio.

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Ft DeSoto Beach is perennially voted to be one of the "Top 5" beaches in the United States. The FAC always reserves Shelter 2 at the end of a long, sweeping curve of the beach and narrow, parallel road. We can hear our fellow members coming long before we see them! Head Ranger Mike Agliano shows up early, makes sure the shelter is clean and provides cones so we can reserve our display spaces.

Complementing the Jimmy Buffet "rag tops" were four exceptional hardtops on display: Delmas & Polly Greenes' LeMans blue, '73 Montreal; Cheryl & John Picot's Amaranto, '73 GTV 2000; John & Linda Rady's Montecarlo blue, '17 Stelvio; and Bruce Brock's wife's Rosso Competizione, '18 Stelvio Quad. Some members showed up sans Alfas: Dr. Dave Wolfe, Frank and Peggy Mann and Mike Rutz with his mechanic, Ritchie.

A car gathering requires judging and, as always at this event, it is "Lady's Choice." Normally most cars get one vote (thank you, Darling), and one or two get a couple more however, this year the winner was, by an exceptional margin, joining members Nick & Kathy's '18 Fiat 124. Welcome to the club!

Next October, if you are reminiscing about your childhood, nursery rhymes or feel like having a top down day in your Alfa or Fiat join us at our season opener at Ft DeSoto Beach for a great Alfa display and friendly picnic and you can even bring curds and whey!

Kathy and Nick Rao – Winners of the Lady's Choice Award



Recent Events: VIVA Alfa car show, Celebration, Fl.



“When you wish upon a star”

Article by: Harmon Heed

Remember the song that opened the Disneyland TV show for so many years? In the picturesque village of Celebration, adjacent to Disney World, the Italian violinist Gabe played it often, along with many Italian love songs throughout the Mid-Florida AROC's 17th annual *Viva Alfa Romeo* on November 2nd. There, the club gathered 46 Alfas of all years, from 1964-2018 and models from a Giulia spider Normale to a Giulia Quadrifoglio NRING.

Among those cars were three 101 spiders, one Series 1 round tail, two GTVs, two GTV6s, two Fiats (a 124 spider and a 500 Abarth), six Series 2-4 spiders, four 4Cs, one 164, nine new Giulias including three QFs, one of which was an NRING and two Stelvios, one of which was a NRING. 25% of the entrants were the new, 2015+ cars. So, no matter what model or year Alfa you drive, there is someone at Viva Alfa Romeo you can share knowledge with. There were also two track cars on display: Steve Piantieri's 1962 Giulia spider with its bizarre looking "baby chair" race seat and Tom Murphy's 1971 GTV.

Entrants came from all over Florida, eleven were Florida Alfa Club members, three were South Florida Club members and two South West Florida Club members. (Some of those were multi-club members.) The FAC members were: Mark & Sunell Cole in their 2017 Giulia; Harmon & Jo Heed in their 1964 Giulia spider; Bob & Theresa Lombardo in their 1992 spider; Tony & Mary Kathryn; John & Cheryl Picot in their 1973 GTV; John & Linda Rady in their 2018 Stelvio; Miguel Rodriguez in his 2016 4C spider; Phil Rosile and Barry Andress in Phil's 1969 round tail spider; Tom & Carol in their 2015 4C spider; Bob Scott in his 1987 spider and Jim & Gabie Zitnick in their 1991 spider.

Recent Events: VIVA Alfa car show, Celebration, Fl. continued:

Gaby Zitnick and Gladys Bernstein



It was a magic day with the colorful cars diagonally parked on both sides of the brick lined street backed by boutiques and restaurants beneath Florida palms under a bright blue sky. At ten AM the spectators arrived, new snowbirds down from the cold north and young families pushing strollers and wearing shorts in the 80-degree weather. Did you ever notice that Mickey always wears shorts? Can you imagine Tinker Belle in pants & sweater?

Of course, to make the day complete there were prizes and judging. As the vintage of the cars changes annually head judge Maury Hatcher has to adjust class criteria; this year he set the classes by decades and only the 2000+ category had an open and closed class. FAC members won three of the seven classes: The Picot's GTV won "Best of the 1970", the Lombardo's spider won "Best of the 1990s," and Miguel Rodriguez' 4C won 'Best of the 2000 Open.

Recent Events: VIVA Alfa car show, Celebration, Fl. continued:

Cheryl and John Picot with their best of the 1970's Class 1973 GTV at Viva Alfa Romeo 2019



There was something as sad as Cinderella losing her slipper, it was the last time Gladys Bernstein, the friendly Fairy Queen that has been hospitality queen of *Viva Alfa Romeo* since its inception is hanging up her wings and will be no longer spreading her pixey dust there for us. She and her husband, Howard, who first organized the event in 2002 are two, true, "Once upon a timers." But there is a new 'Prince Charming', John Trembly, who volunteered to chair the event. With his vitality the attendance is sure to grow so set your sights upon this star of an event, first weekend in November of next year!

Recent Events: VIVA Alfa car show, Celebration, Fl. continued:

The Whole gang at Lunch at Imperium on Market Street



Upcoming Events: FAC Annual Christmas luncheon, Alfano's restaurant. Dec. 7th



Join us for our Annual Holiday Luncheon at Alfano's Restaurant this year. This is an event everyone looks forward to each year. It is always great fun to see all our friends and club members at the Holidays, and Chef Frank always provides a great Holiday meal for everyone as well.

If you have any questions contact Polly Greene at pollyhgreene@yahoo.com



Upcoming Events: Festival of Speed – St Petersburg – Sunday Jan 12th, 2020



This event is always well attended and this year the St Pete Dealership plans to attend and located next to the Florida Alfa Club.

Log on to their website: www.festivalsofspeed.com for registration details. Also let Barry Andress know if you plan to attend as he is organizing our parking arrangements and any questions about registering. (alfabarry3@gmail.com, 727-366-1193)

Upcoming Events: Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance plus Cars & Coffee

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The Amelia Announces Cars & Coffee at the Concours 2020



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Entering your vehicle involves an application and a small registration fee. The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is now accepting applications for 2020. Visit <https://www.ameliaconcours.org/cars-coffee.aspx> for more details and updates.

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*Join us for Alfa Romeos on the grass at
2020 Amelia Island Concours Cars & Coffee!*



The Amelia Announces Cars & Coffee at the Concours 2020

Jacksonville, FL - The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is proud to officially announce Cars & Coffee at the Concours 2020 presented by Heacock Classic. The 2020 event is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 from 9am to 1pm on the 1st, 10th and 18th fairways of The Golf Club of Amelia Island.

"25 Alfas for 25 Years of Amelia"

Manufacturers celebrate their heritage with designated car corrals and invite the public to enjoy an up-close look at their newest vehicles. AROC-USA and the North East Florida AROC will be there with an Alfa corral displaying 25 exceptional Alfas Romeos from a 1952 Disco Volante Fianchi Stretta to a 2019 Giulia Quadrifoglio NRING. This year the corral is limited to the 25 cars previously selected. However, when you arrive at the venue entrance ask to be parked next to or nearby the Alfa corral. The parking volunteers are as accommodating as possible.



Cars & Coffee at the Concours allows individuals with vintage, special interest and collectible vehicles to gather on the same show field used to display vehicles entered in the following day's prestigious Concours d'Elegance. For the past three years Automobile Magazine has used the venue to announce their Automobile All-Star Award winners. Enter your car, it may be selected as an All-Star or win another award given by the Amelia Concours Cars & Coffee. Remember, these cars are not concours.

With growth year after year, the event now enters over 450 vehicles and thousands of spectators. The limited spaces fill up fast so, if you want to show there next March register NOW! Registration is only \$35 and includes donuts and coffee. An application is attached. Complete the application, including Credit card information and send it in via email or post mail. The addresses are at the bottom of the form. When you are accepted you will be notified and only then will your card be debited.

Jerry Kelley, the president of the NEFLAROC is putting on a hosted dinner reception (no-host bar) Friday evening at the Fernandina Beach Ladies Club under the Spanish moss laden grand oaks. Whether you are showing a car at Cars & Coffee or not you are invited. Alfisti from all across our vast nation will be sharing dinner and stories there. Please RSVP Jerry at jgkelley7flusa@comcast.net so he can plan the catering.

Harmon Heed from the Florida Alfa Club has obtained a group rate at the Hyatt JAX (airport), 20-30 minutes away from the Amelia venue, for \$109 per night, Thursday/Friday, down from \$149. Book directly with the hotel, (904) 741-4184. Use promo group code G-ALFA. Book NOW, the rooms are limited and filling fast. Please let Harmon know, harmonheed@gmail.com, when you have booked so he can request more rooms if needed.

Calendar of Events

December 2019 Events

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater Dec. 4th & 18th 11:30 AM

FAC Annual Christmas luncheon, Alfano's restaurant. Dec. 7th

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, Dec. 7th 8-10:00AM

No Business Meeting this Month

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, Dec. 21st 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Dec. 28th, 8:00-10:00 AM

January 2020 Events

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater Jan 1st, 15th & 29th 11:30AM

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsports, Jan 4th 8-10:00AM

FAC Business Meeting Jan 9th Location TBD

Festival of Speed St. Pete Sunday Jan. 12th - Barry

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, Jan 18th 7:00-9:00AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Jan 25th 8:00-10:00AM

February 2020 Events

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater Feb 12th & 26th 11:30AM

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsports, Feb 1st 8-10:00AM

FAC Business Meeting Feb 13th Location TBD

Technical Training Session TBD

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, Feb. 15th 7:00-9:00AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Feb 29th 8:00-10:00AM

March 2020 Events

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater March 11th & 25th 11:30AM

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsports, March 8-10:00AM

FAC Business Meeting March 12th location TBD

Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance March 6th – 8th Harmon

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, March 21st 7:00-9:00AM

Cars for Sale:



Note: Sell your vintage Alfa here. Its free to FAC members. Just send us photos and a brief description of your car, what you want for it, and how to reach you. There is another Alfisti looking for your car now!

For Sale- 1986 Spider Veloce \$9,500

Low mileage, 48,000 miles, excellent Car Fax. Georgia car. Car kept garaged, no rust or dents. Paint is full but showing age. Interior is all intact including period AM/FM cassette and COLD AC. Cleaning and protectorate will bring it back to very nice condition. Same with top. Records available. Contact Elizabeth at (706) 344-2185.



Cars for Sale continued:



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This is Paul Ziegler's new Nuremburg Ring version of a brand new Quad limited edition that he just got. No, its not for sale but his old Giulia might be.



Note from the Editor: This is your newsletter so please give us feedback both as to how we are doing and areas where we can improve. It is free to list and sell you Alfa in the Notizia if you are an active member. Also remember if you are restoring a vintage Alfa either yourself or at a professional shop, we want to know about it and feature your journey and progress here for everyone to see.

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