

Alfa Media Notizia



*Newsletter of the FLORIDA ALFA CLUB
Tampa Bay Area, Florida*

Monthly Meeting Thursday Mar 11th

See you at Jimmy Macs! Rep from Clay Magic will be at meeting to show us how this product works.



Polo Report

11 Alfa Romeo's with 30 members show up for a great time on a gorgeous day!



Quaker Steak

An impromptu event brings 5 Alfa's to a St. Pete restaurant for a show amidst the American Iron!

Upcoming events

March 6th - FAC at Dunedin Society of the Arts Concours

March 6th - Auto Italia Portofino - Central Florida

March 13-14th - Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance

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FAC Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2004

In attendance Chip Denyko, John Picot, Linda & John Rady, David Rigall, Polly & Delmas Greene, Lou Daugherty, Nino Montopoli, Heidi & Graham Spencer, Polly & Delmas Greene, Dick Downs, Charlie Post, Tom Pletta and Will Godwin.
 John Picot called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Polly Greene gave the treasurers report.
 John updated the members on recent advertising initiatives, Franco's ad will be back in the next issue for 12 months, new advertising rates, an updated ad from International, and how the club can market our club for new members. Many went away with names to contact for potential ads.
 For national board members, David Rigall was nominated for another 2 year term and will be sending the application to Shayna. Delmas Greene motioned to have a board meeting to define the club philosophy. We also need to define our "one line" definition for the AROC web page clubs page.
 Heidi covered several potential events and locations and everyone discussed meeting with other clubs and marques. Here are a few of them;

- May 15th Saturday has been defined as the Frank Lloyd Wright museum drive & tour Lakeland. Additional details coming.
- April 4th is Fest Italiano in Ybor City, with a Bacce Tournament April 3rd. We may be joining the Ferrari club for that event.
- April 17th, 18th is Mount Dora car show, invitation only, \$50 entry fee. The Chamber of Commerce is holding it this year.
- Another possibility is the Titanic exhibit at MOSI, with a 15 person minimum. Reduced price, IMAX movie available discounted, and catering available, all driven on the 15 person minimum group.

Graham will work up an article asking members what they want, as President Elect.
 Delson reported on the Quaker Steak restaurant event, and reported on the great time they had with this impromptu event. There is also the autocross at the fairgrounds which we want to get the dates for.
 Meeting adjourned about 9:15



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Meeting Thurs March 11th @ 7:30
Jimmy Mac's,
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Monthly meetings are held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month at Jimmy Macs Waterside. Check the web page for the most recet update, or call one of us listed above. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM, but you are always invited to meet there early for dinner or just to chat about your latest Alfa adventure!

The Quaker Steak?



From Graham Spencer Delson, Delmas, John P, Lou and myself all attended a car show today. Here are the details and some photos. Let me know if you have any questions or need more info.

Delson after eating at the new Quaker Steak & Lube restaurant on 49th St in St. Pete found out about a car show to be held there on Feb, 8th. He talked with the promoter and he was told that if he could get 5 cars they would create a class for us, and that they'd love to have some Italian cars at the show. After some quick organizing, we decided we'd give it a try and see if we could get five members to attend.

Lou was the first to make it to the show, and he staked out a good location in the back by a lake, and away from the general rif raf of American cars. John Picot and I were next to make it in. After waiting an hour or so and planning revenge on Delson if he blew us off, he was the next to show up, and shortly after Delmas arrived.

We all walked around and looked at the other cars, took in the sights, and the awful music and braved the cold weather. It was





windy and really cold. Soon Cheryl, and Chris (Lou's wife) showed up and we headed in for lunch. While we were waiting Delmas was met by his family. Lunch was good, and after allowing just enough for our toes to thaw out, it was outside once again for the conclusion of the show.

After about a solid hour of awards for American cars, in some sort of bizarre random order that we never really did figure out, they started calling out awards for our classes.

I was the first to be called up for top 40 1981 and over, next came Delson for the same award. Lou won best of class Euro

1950s, Delmas won best of class Euro 1960s, and the final award of the day went to John Picot for Euro best of class 1970s. So everyone who came won a trophy!

We all had a great time, and interested a few of the onlookers, Lou's spider got the most "cool car attention" followed by the "what's that" attention that John's Montreal got. Maybe we'd fit in better if we all got wheel spinners, mirrored hoods, and chromed everything in sight in the engine compartment. Nah, never on an Alfa.....



Photos and story for the Quaker Steak event from Graham Spencer . Thanks for both, and to Delson Correa for getting this quick event together!
Be sure to submit your event story for publication.



Polo & Alfa - a match!



Chip Denyko

You know, I can't even tell you now, is this the 5th or 6th year we have been going to the Lakewood Ranch in Sarasota to attend the Polo Club match.

Weather was just phenomenal - an absolutely gorgeous day for a top down drive.

This year 11 Alfa's and 30 members attended, with 2 members from the Ohio Buckeye chapter. They saw the event in the Owner and decided to attend!

This is a 6 chucker Polo match, with a half time between 3rd and 4th. Everyone goes out on the field to replace the divets, and we drive our cars around the outside edge of the field. One of us announce the cars and tell the crowd



about Alfa Romeo and the club and invite them to come see the cars.

Most of us bring a tailgate type picnic with us, but some food and drinks are available on site.

As usual, Dick and Gennelle Downs coordinate this event for us. Thank you once again for taking this event under your wing and making it a great day for the club. We have already decided this will be on next years event list.

One moment found one of the Polo players thrown from his horse. Suddenly an ambulance raced across the field. Apparently he and his horse had hit one of the goals, knocking it down and throwing the player. He was taken away in the ambulance, but we are told he ws fine and they were just making sure.



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