

# Alfa Notizia Piccola

May 2006

-This Month -  
Upcoming

\*Tulsa Bound for  
Alfa Deco

\*Brunch at Caddy's  
Treasure Island

Newsletter of the FLORIDA ALFA CLUB  
Tampa Bay Area, Florida

## Monthly Meeting Thursday May 11th

Paradise Restaurant - 443 Main St. Safety Harbor, FL

### **Convention Bound - Tulsa here we come!**

Ooooooooo-klahoma where the Alfa's wanna run and play... It's just around the corner and will be here before you know it. If you haven't done so yet, make your reservations and applications out now!

### **Could it be? More rumors, or the real thing?**

Once again we here another Alfa's coming back. Says late 2007, and as we heard previously along with Maserati for a dealership network. See [Italiaspeed.com](http://Italiaspeed.com).



### **Caddy's Beach Brunch - Nice tropical gathering**

About 10 members and guests found a beautiful Sunday drive to Treasure Island. Special Alfa parking had us right up front, with the gorgeous Gulf just 100 yards away.

<http://www.FloridaAlfaClub.com>

FAC Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2006

In Attendance: John and Linda Rady, John Picot, Delmas and Polly Greene, Genie and Jr. Collins, Bill Kelly, Tom Pletta, and Norm Sipple.

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 by VP John Rady. Polly Greene gave the treasurer's report. Recent and up coming events were reviewed and updated.

Delmas gave a report on Amelia Island and reminded those interested in attending about Bob Bartel's Picnic for Alfisti on April 30.

John Picot reported on the Polo event and reminded the group of the Car Show at Celebration on April 29.

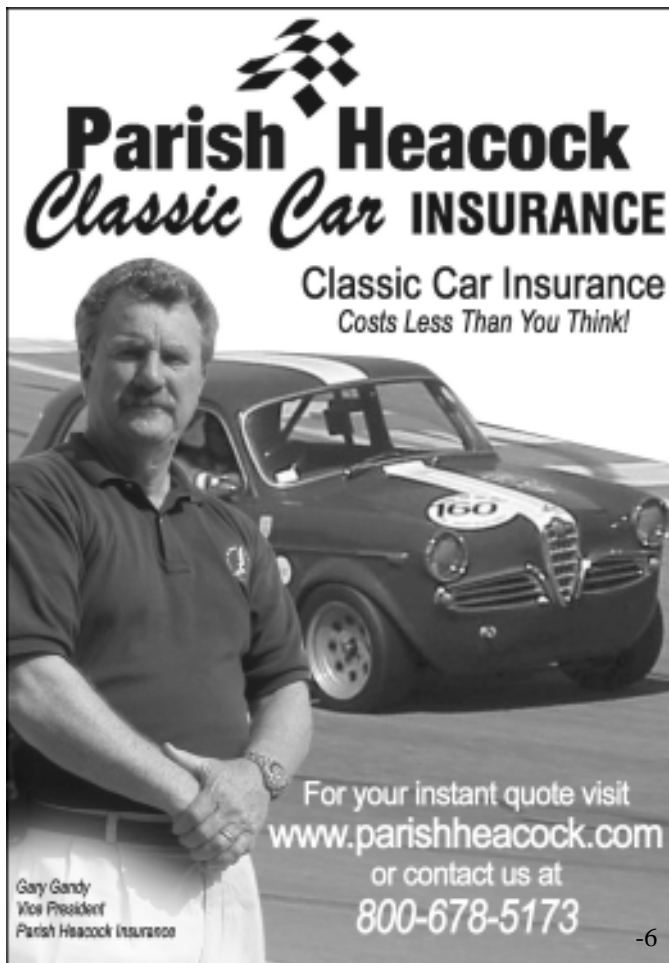
Bill Kelly announced that he needs a 5 speed 1900 transmission and is willing to pay up to \$5000 for one. If a club member finds one for him, he will donate \$500 to the club treasury. He also added that if there was a car attached to the transmission, he would be willing to pay up to \$10,000 for the car and transmission. Let Bill know if you locate one so he can check it out!! Call him at 727-866-3263.

Polly announced that the Christmas Party is set for Saturday, December 2, 2006, at Casa Ludovico's. Reservations will be required; everyone will order off the menu and pay for their own food and beverages at the end of the evening. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 PM and dinner will at 7:00 PM.

If you need the use of a tow dolly, Bill Kelly has one you can borrow. Contact him at the number given above.

National Convention is in June—make plans now to attend. See details in the Alfa Owner.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42



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**Monthly meetings are held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month at Varoius Locations. 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!**



## Caddy's Brunch

My buddy Donald went along for a Sunday morning drive from Tampa to the Gulf beaches. Caddy's is a little Treasure Island area local, open air with a gulf view restaurant. Delson's buddy Chad arranged "front row" parking for us. While only 4 Alfa's lined up, it was one Spider, one GTV6 Maratona, one Montreal and one 164, so it was well represented for only the four cars. Of course we go for the Alfa folks. Typically the cars got a lot of attention.

After brunch / lunch, the group drove northward along Gulf boulevard to just see the beach scenery. Miserable way to spend a Sunday - NOT! Thanks Delson for putting this one together.

Chip

## Eminent News?

Go to [www.Italiaspeed.com](http://www.Italiaspeed.com), and from the front page click next - look for an Alfa logo on the left, and dated April 5, 2006.

According to the story, FIAT CEO Sergio Marchionne confirms Alfa's return to the US market, and dates are not definite, but as early as late next year (indicating a late 2007 emergence).

As we've heard before, Alfa would be aligned with the Maserati network, which was separated from Ferrari earlier, rumored in preparation for the Alfa return.

Initial model lineup is said to be the Brera, 159, Spider and possibly the 8cCompetizione. Maserati CEO Karl-Heinz Kalbfell has reportedly been working with James Selwa (former Rolls Royce North America CEO) in planning the return of Alfa Romeo to US shores.

The Italian ULIM union was reported to be quick to express it's support for the return to the US market which is expected to be lucrative for the Fiat group.

This Alafisto hopes it's for real. The model lineup is stunning and all of them are getting rave reviews. Keep your ears to the ground...





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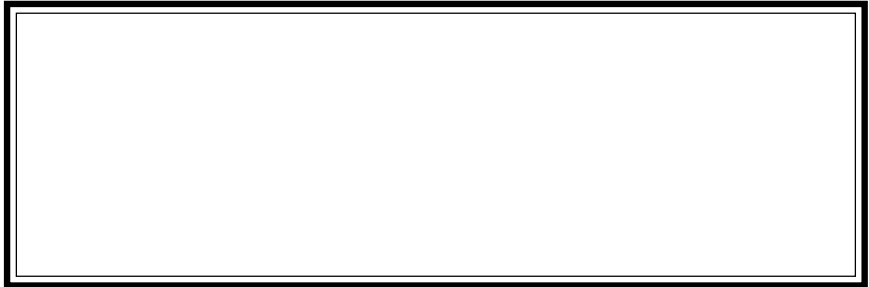
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*Dinner & Meeting*  
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