

# Alfa Media Notizia

Newsletter of the FLORIDA ALFA CLUB  
Tampa Bay Area, Florida

**Meeting Thursday Sept 13th**  
**Special Location - Florida Builder Appliances**  
**4901 West Waters Ave, Tampa**

## **Dinner Meeting - Read please!**

September brings a special meeting event hosted by Florida Builder Appliances & The Westye Group in Tampa. Your guest Chef Chip Denyko will be preparing Apps and Dinner for all in the lovely Florida Builder Appliances kitchen display center. Please contact John Rady or Chip Denyko to confirm your attendance.



## **Motor City Alfa... What a blowout!**

Besides the official Alfa Romeo announcement on the return of Alfa Romeo to US shores with the 8C, it was debuted in Detroit at Meadowbrook Hall with Delmas and John Picot participating! The fun just didn't stop with a more than typical Alfa Overload! This photo from the Detroit Free Press featured Delmas & Polly!

PHOTO BY MARIO DELMAS FOR THE PRESS  
Polly Greene, 01, and Delmas Greene, 03, w/ Clearwater, Fla., with their 1960 Alfa Romeo 2000 prototype

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**SEND \$60.00 check to: Florida Alfa Club | 1410 Pineapple Lane | Clearwater, FL 33759-2315**  
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**Meeting Thurs Sept 13 @ 6:30**  
**Florida Builder Appliances**  
**4901 West Waters Ave, Tampa**  
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are pleased to sponsor the Florida Alfa Club Meeting

September 13, 2007 at 6:30 pm.

Food preparation by Chef Chip Denyko and attending guest Chef Bill Mitchell (Aprons Resident Chef)

4901 West Waters Avenue, Tampa Florida

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**RSVP Please** -Contact FAC President John Rady (727) 585-4290 or Chip Denyko (813) 886-6165 as we do need an accurate count.

**Location** - Florida Builder Appliances is a customer showroom featuring high end kitchen equipment in a setup to use and test for yourself! Located on Waters Avenue, approximately 1 mile East of the Veterans Expressway (toll road), or 1/2 mile East of Anderson Road. If you see a huge American flag on your right, then look to your left! If you have crossed the train tracks, you just passed it. This location is approximately 2 miles directly north of Tampa International Airport. If you need further directions, contact John, Chip, call the showroom or use Google or Mapquest to pinpoint your directions. Please bring your Alfa, but watch the entrance, you will want to come in at an angle both in and out with our low cars...

## Motor City Alfa - by John Rady

The 2007 Motor City Alfa Convention “unofficially” started on Sunday morning the 29th with the Pre-Convention three-day Lago Huron Miglia Miglia Tour. I was fortunate enough to “hitch a ride” (at least part of the way) with Chip Denyko. Mechanical problems sidelined Chip’s Milano midway through the Tour but on the positive side, this afforded both of us a great tunity to meet many of the other AROC bers on the Tour. After Chip’s car was sidelined shortly after a very nice ferry ride across the opening of Georgian Bay, CA., any vehicle that Chip rode or drove thereafter quickly became known as “AROC 1”. The Tour was very well received by all and I believe there is “talk” of having a similar Pre-Convention event for Chicago next year.



Wednesday was the first “official” day of activities for the Convention with the Board Meeting. Chip Denyko will continue as President and Brewster Thackeray will continue as Vice President. As indicated, the Chicago Chapter will host next years Convention and the Portland Chapter is slated to host the 2009 Convention.

Thursday activities included the Time Trials, Alfa Parts Market, and Restoration Shop Tour, all of which were “booked-full”. For me, the day began by following Ken Askew (my brother-in-law) to Joe Benson’s house for the Parts Market. I ended up buying many parts and memorabilia from Ken, as did John Picot. While at Joe’s house, I marveled at not only his “facility” and how comfortable it stayed without A/C, but also his extensive car collection. From there I drove to the Convention hotel and checked in

Photos - Left top, the cars lined up at Emilo’s in Canada, the picutre window view in the room at Carolyn Lake (day 2), mid right, Bill & Marion Gillham in Hooligan; John Rady and other AROC members take pictures on Ferry across Georgian Bay; bottom (Photo John Rady) Lineup on first stop in Canada - Lake Huron MM.





at Alfa Registration. After discovering they scheduled me for the 1:00 PM restoration shop tour, I was off to Troy, MI, about 20 minutes away. During the tour I was amazed at how these “artisans” (many of them relatively young) can restore vehicles with missing parts and very poor condition. A few of the cars they were currently working on were one-of-a-kind examples. Some of the cars displayed in their “showroom” I saw again at Sunday’s Meadow Brook Concours. After the restoration tour I made a “dash” out to Waterford Hills for the time trials and arrived as the track activities were winding down. I was able to see John Hoard in his GTA Jr. and if I remember the results correctly, he was awarded first place for his efforts. Later that evening, after the Welcome Reception, most of us retired to the parking lot for the proverbial “midnight” Alfa Concours. On any given night during the convention there was likely a 100 Alfas or more in the hotel’s parking lot.



Friday was full of events, including the Autocross, two Tech Sessions and the Downtown Detroit Tour. I concentrated my efforts on cleaning my “Maratona” for the Saturday AROC Concours and attending the Downtown Tour. I was able to attend a small portion of the



Photos - Top Left - the Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione (Dave Hammond); Top Right - Tech Session (from gallery page, unknown photographer); Middle - Florida Alfa Club convention table (John Rady); John Rady receives 25 year award! (Delmas Greene); Bottom Right - From Convention Gallery - Autocross!



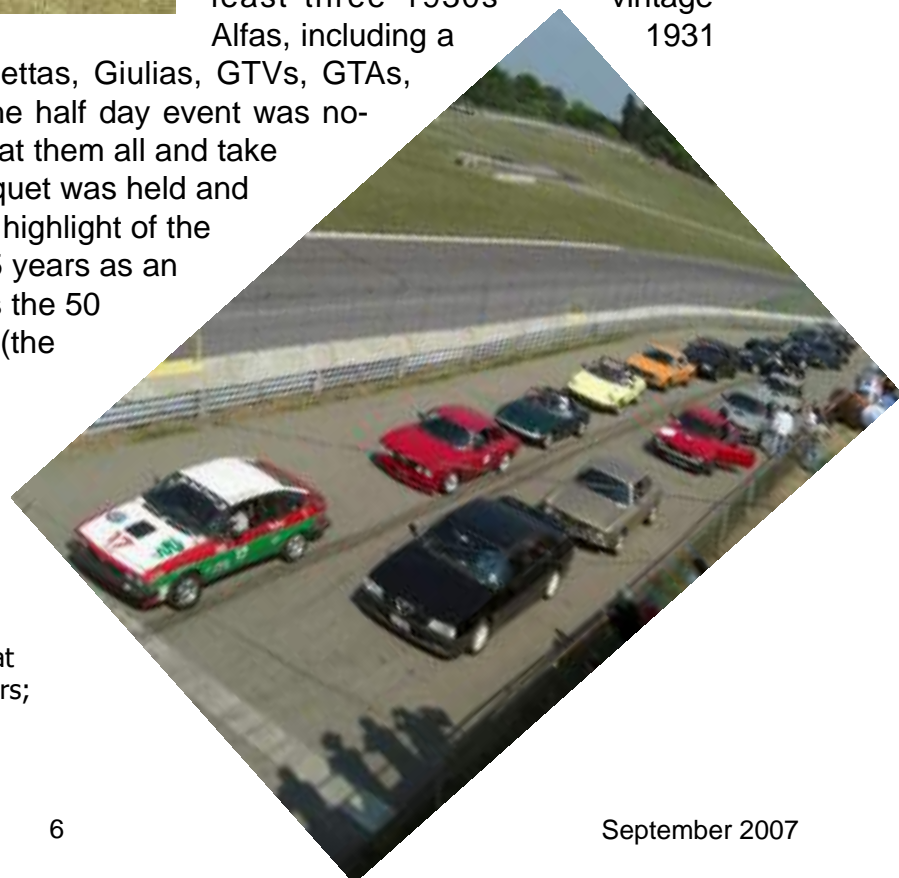
Wes Ingram & Joe Benson Tech Session. Most interesting for me were the photos and discussion about the AutoDelta Spica fuel injection systems for the T33 Alfas, very rare “birds” indeed. Also, I understand the Alfa Quilting Workshop was a big success, with “raves” of great fun from those attending. The Downtown Tour was great fun also and included a river cruise along both sides of the St Clair River (Canadian and US), as well as a walk along the riverfront and through the lobby of GM’s corporate offices (formerly the Renaissance Center). The Tour culminated at the Guardian Building, a beautifully restored multi-story Art Deco style building.



Saturday morning, almost everyone gathered at Meadow Brook for the AROC Concours and for me, it was truly Alfa overload. Of the limited number of Conventions that I have attended, this was by far the best gathering of Alfas I have ever seen. I believe every decade of Alfa from the mid 1920s to the present was represented. Besides the three B.A.T. cars (alone worth the trip), there were at least three 1930s vintage Alfas, including a 1931

1750 Zagatto, a 2300 Spider, 1900s, Giuliettas, Giulias, GTVs, GTAs, Montreals, etc., etc., etc. Unfortunately, the half day event was nowhere near enough time to adequately look at them all and take pictures. Saturday evening the Annual Banquet was held and David E. Davis was the guest speaker. The highlight of the banquet for me was acknowledgement of 25 years as an AROC member for Linda and me, as well as the 50 year membership recognition of Ken Askew (the true definition of an Alfaholic).

Sunday began with the Awards Brunch where we learned the results of the Time Trials, Auto Cross, Art Show, Gimmick Rally, and AROC Concours. Many of the



Photos -Top and Middle, John Rady - Joost Gompels at Meadowbrook!; Middle the BAT cars at AROC Concours; Bottom right - Track lineup Brewster Thackeray

## Next Up Event Details...

### 2007 Florida Alfa Club partial CALENDAR OF EVENTS (as of Sept 1)

September 13	7:30 PM Business Meeting hosted by Florida Builder Appliances.
September 16	Noon till Tech Session at the Greene's house, Bring a dish to share, Drinks and Meets provided (727) 799-1486
October 11	7:30 PM Business Meeting Location Jasons Deli
October 14	11 AM till - Fort DeSoto Picnic, Bring your own food, drinks provided
November 3	Central Florida "Celebration" event. Details forthcoming.
November 8	7:30 PM Business Meeting Location Jasons Deli
December 8	Christmas Party and Business Meeting Location Masimo's, Clearwater

"trophies" were very nice custom designed cast silver medallions with the Convention logo on them and others were custom one-of-a-kind glass plates. At least a dozen Florida Alfa Club members attended the Convention and at least four members received awards. After the Awards Brunch we traveled to Meadow Brook for the Concours d'Elegance. Unfortunately, the sunny weather during the entire week of the Convention was replaced with rain on Sunday morning and attendance for both cars and people reflected this. Regardless, Alfas were very well represented and included many of the cars displayed the day before at AROC's Concours. This will give you an idea of the very high quality of the cars displayed Saturday. Also displayed in the rain were two 8C2900s that I had not previously seen. Both Delmas Greene and Joost Gompels had their Alfas displayed and I believe Joost received an award.



The only downside about this convention, applies to every convention, NOT ENOUGH TIME to see or do everything. Regardless, I am making plans to do it all over again next year in Chicago, hope to see you there.

Editors Note - My thanks to John Rady for reporting on this incredible convention.





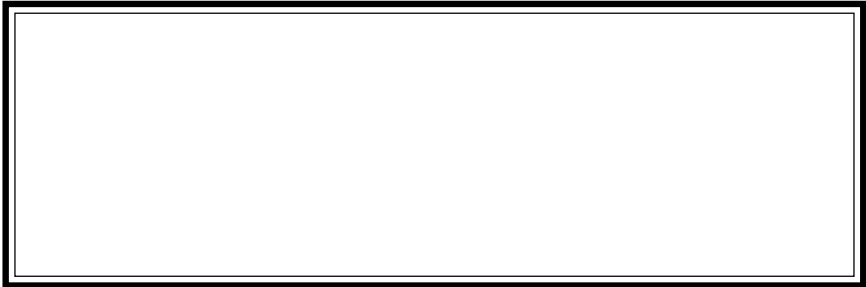
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