

Alfa Piccola Notizia



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

Meeting Thursday February 12th

Jason's Deli (corner Enterprise & US 19)

25801 US 19 North, Suite 1110, Clearwater

In the Cypress Point shopping center just South of corner of US 19 and Enterprise. Need directions, call the restaurant at (727) 793-0446 . Meeting starts 7:30 PM

8C Updates - Two have now come...and gone!

Ferrari of Tampa Bay, located at 2420 Tampa Rd in Palm Harbor (just West of US 19 and Tampa Rd) had TWO. Prez Delmas Greene updates.

March Meeting at FTB!

March Meeting will be early (6:30 PM) at the dealership with pizza and a tour of the hosts facility.

Upcoming Events

The next few months bring some great get togethers.

This Sunday Feb 15th is LIADO (Italian Ladies) event at Safety Harbor (around Spa Fountain area); next Sunday Feb 22nd - Polo is back!



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THE GAME OF POLO

THE BASIC GAME

The game is played on a grass field measuring 300 yds by 160 yds. It is played by two teams of four riders on thoroughbreds carrying long mallets. The game is played in six periods, or chukkers, lasting seven and a half minutes. Between chukkers are intervals of four minutes for the riders to get fresh mounts. Thus it takes 48 horses to play a game. (4 horses x 2 teams x x 6 chukkers.) Between the third and fourth chukker is a 'half time' for the riders to rest and strategize and for divots to be replaced.

The object of the game is for the players to knock a ball, 3.25" in diameter and weighing 35 oz, between goal posts 8 yards apart at each end of the field. The teams change ends after each goal.

THE ADVANCED GAME

The advanced polo field has an additional ten yards of grass on both sides of the basic field where the spectators park their cars and lay out their picnics. The entire field is covered with blue sky and sunshine. The advanced game is played by merry people enjoying the weather, food, friends and watching the basic game.

The object of the advanced game is for the spectators to have a great lot of fun in the sun, sharing good food, friendship and fast, exciting action on the field. In advanced polo everyone is a winner.

CHAMPIONSHIP POLO

This sophisticated game of polo is played once a year and by people driving Alfa Romeos, Ferraris and other exotic automobiles. They arrive early at 11:00 to get the best parking places all together. They are provided with private bleachers and adjacent tent. They may bring chairs and umbrellas to stick in the ground or lash to the bleachers. At halftime some of them drive their cars around the field as their car type and driver are announced to the crowd. Others ride in a wagon pulled by Clydesdales. Others kick divots back into the turf. This is the most enjoyable form of polo !

Tickets for Championship Polo, played at the Sarasota Polo Field on Feb 22, are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the gate. For advance tickets or more information contact Harmon at (941) 342-1246 or harmonheed@yahoo.com or pick them up at this weeks meeting.

CLASSIFIED ADS!

FOR SALE: 1959 2000 Spider Early, matching number Cast Iron 2 liter roadster. Underwent extensive mechanical & cosmetic restoration in mid-1990's. Numerous award winner including best-in-class at 2003 AROC convention. Alfa 501 red lacquer paint over black leather interior. Email for pics. \$40,000. Call Jim Smallwood (727)-460-7026 or ALFA1023@aol.com. Car located in Palm Harbor, FL (near Tampa).



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A long list of vehicles and parts are available from David Wilson - St Pete (727) 526-1378 call for \$.

Run your ad here where Florida Alfisti look! Need parts, want something, or want to sell, put it here!

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Next Up Event Details...

2009 Florida Alfa Club CALENDAR OF EVENTS is available on our web site!

Thursday February 12, 2009 - Business Meeting / Jasons Deli

Sunday February 15, 2009 - 11 AM (CHANGE) Cars in place - LIADO (Italian American Women of Today) at Safety Harbor Spa. Cars will be presented in the area across from the entrance to the marina. This is the Tampa Bay Area's San Gennaro Festa event celebrating Italian American heritage. For more information direct your web browser to <http://sangennarofesta.com>

Sunday February 22, 2009 - 11:00AM Gates open - Match begins 1 PM

"Alfa Ponies" at the Sarasota Polo Club

To get to the Sarasota Polo Club take I-75 (south for most) to University Parkway. Go east for 3.5 miles and turn right on Lorraine Rd. (Watch for directories alongside the parkway.) Go 1/4 mile on Lorraine Rd and you will see young parking attendants directing you to turn right and collecting entry fees. Show them your Alfa Club card or promise them they can drive your car and they will let you in. You will see the tent and bleachers on your left" turn at the Alfa banner, cross the little bridge and back in. Gate opens at 11,00 AM, match begins at 1:00 PM.

Tickets per person - \$10 in advance; \$12 at gate (available at FAC Meetings Jan / Feb)

For reservations or more info contact Harmon at (941) 342-1246 or harmonheed@yahoo.com.

Saturday March 7, 2009 Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and British/ European Classic Car Show-Sponsored by the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club. For information go to www.fsmgcc.com

Thursday March 12, 2009 - 6:30 PM (early!) Business Meeting at Ferrari Tampa Bay - 2420 Tampa Road (Just west of US 19 at Tampa Road).

Saturday / Sunday March 14-15, 2009 - Amelia Island Concours - The main event is the Concours on Sunday, March 15, but most of us will be caravanning to Amelia Island on Saturday morning (14th) to have a look at the cars to be auctioned off Saturday afternoon (www.rmauctions.com) by RM auctioneers.

We have reserved a block of hotel rooms at the Holiday Inn Airport on the North side of Jacksonville (20 minute drive from the Concours site) and have reserved a space in the hotel restaurant (Savannah Bistro) Saturday night for dinner. Meet at the bar at 6:30 PM for cocktails and dinner will be at 7:00PM. We will be ordering from the menu, so you are on your own for the cost. We have secured a reduced hotel rate of \$99.00 if you make reservations by or before February 16th. Call 904-741-4404 and mention that you will be with the Florida Alfa Club to get that rate. Some of us will be going over on Friday afternoon to get an early start on the weekend, so the Holiday Inn will honor this rate for both nights. Let me know if you wish to attend the dinner as I need to give the restaurant an approximate number of our group. Log on to www.ameliaconcours.org for ticket information.

President's Message

Welcome everyone! February is here, which marks the beginning of Florida's season of multiple car related activities. From Auctions to Car Shows, there is something going on every weekend between now and the end of April. We have put just a few of these activities on our calendar, so hopefully we have selected the best ones for our members to attend. Please check our Calendar of events on our Web site and plan to join us when possible. (www.floridaalfaclub.org)

Great News!!!

We have been invited to have our March 15th Club meeting at the new Ferrari Dealership in Palm Harbor. Chris Warren of "Ferrari Tampa Bay" will host a tour of their facility and then we will have our business meeting over Pizza. Also, it is quite a treat to visit their facility. (We need to meet at 6:30 PM) I also want to thank Chris for providing us with a couple Alfa 8c Competitions last month to inspect and grovel over.

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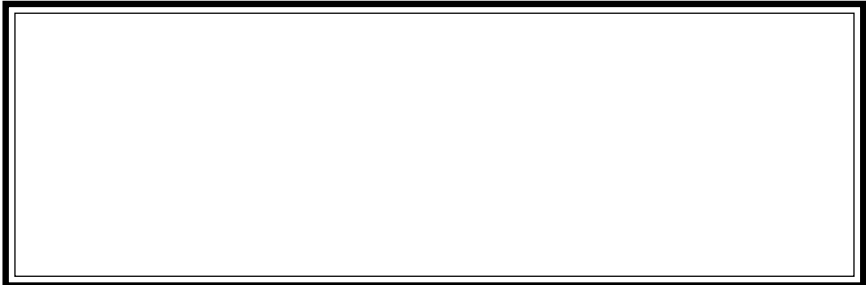
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