

# Alfa Media Notizia



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

## **Meeting Thursday May 14th** **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*

### **Bartell's Picnic a hit one more time!**

*Jane and Bob Bartell host  
another fantastic gathering  
in a lovely setting.*

### **Italia Vignale Show**

*Delmas Greene takes his  
Vignale bodied Alfa to an  
event in North Carolina just  
for Vignale bodied cars..  
Pictures and story inside.*



### **Upcoming Events**

*Cedar Key Weekend is this  
next Friday - Sunday (not required for all 3 days). Details on page 7. Let Polly know if  
you plan to attend.*

*AROC Convention is just around the corner - if you haven't made your plans - better  
do so ASAP!*

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Yearly membership with our **Florida Alfa Club** entitles you to membership with the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club and both the monthly national magazine and our local *Alfa Notizia* newsletter. If you are a member of another AROC chapter and wish to subscribe to our newsletter, fee is \$15.00 per year. On Referred by, indicate your AROC member number and club affiliation. Basic Membership, \$60 Gold Family Add \$20, Verde Add \$40, Verde Family add \$60. Platinum Business Add \$190 (Business Listing).

**SEND check to: Florida Alfa Club | 1410 Pineapple Lane | Clearwater, FL 33759-2315**  
**Additional membership levels available, please support the AROC!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May, 2009 - May 15th, 2009 is the deadline for sending in the ballots for this year's AROC Board of Directors. Our own Chip Denyko is on the list for re-election, so dig out your April issue of AROC magazine and support our "home town candidate" by mailing in the ballot.

Keep a look out for 2010 activities featuring Alfa Romeo's 100th anniversary. I have a list started already, so it looks as if there are some exciting activities brewing, including Alfa as featured marque at Pebble Beach and Amelia Island.

We have a lot of other exciting activities planned over the next few months, so keep track of our calendar of events on our web site: [www.floralafaclub.org](http://www.floralafaclub.org). You can also see the activities of the other Florida Alfa Clubs by clicking on their "links" on our web-site.

We are looking for suggestions for activities for the month of June, so we will be asking for your input at our May meeting.

Delmas Greene, President

## CLASSIFIED ADS!

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*Run your ad here where Florida Alfisti look! Need parts,*

**Meeting Thursday May 14th**  
**@ 7:30 Jasons Deli**  
**25801 U.S. 19 N. Clearwater**  
**(727) 793-0446**

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# BLACK BARTS ALFAS ON THE LAWN PICNIC

April 26th, 2009

Bob and Jane Bartel in East Palatka, Florida, once again have done a great job of entertaining everyone at the picnic at their home. They had a great selection of Italian Sports cars on display and lots of interesting auto enthusiast in attendance.

Several of the Alfa Club members from Clearwater and Orlando went over a day early to have dinner at the "TASTE of ITALY" in Palatka on the Saint Johns River, and a little fishing motel next door to the restaurant.



*Photos courtesy of Harmon Heed and Delmas Greene - Displays of Italian machines on the lawn, right off the St. Johns river in Palatka's picturesque setting.*



On Sunday morning, after a light breakfast at the motel, we took a little driving "tour" along the Saint Johns River up to Green Cove Springs, crossed the river, following it back South to Bob and Jane's house.

I had a great conversation with Bill Warner (organizer for the Amelia Island Concours) concerning the Alfa Romeo feature for their 2010 event. Next March, they will have a dramatic display of Alfas from all over the world. Make plans now to attend.

Delmas Greene,  
Clearwater, Florida



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*Photos of Delmas Greene - Upper photo - Drive tour stop from the Bartel picnic - Lower - the Italia Vignale Show from story on page 6.*

## ITALIA / VIGNALE CAR SHOW

April, 2009

It may seem odd to us Alfisti, but I was invited to display my 1960 Alfa Romeo Coupe (built by Vignale) at the annual "Triumph Gathering" in Dobson, North Carolina.

There were 225 fine British cars on display on the beautiful Shelton Vinyard grounds. This year's feature was Vignale bodied cars and there were a total of seven on display. Vignale built 300 or so bodies on Triumph TR-3 chassis, which are called "Italias". Of the approximately 90 still in existence worldwide, six of them were at this show.



The British Club members had a lot of questions about an Italian car being displayed among

them, but it was fun explaining the connection of the Italian and British cars with the Vignale coachbuilders. I talked with many auto enthusiasts that are also Alfa Romeo owners. It was a great show and I got a lot of special attention with the Alfa Vignale.

Delmas Greene

Photos on page 6, and the lower photo on page 5 are from this event, and courtesy of Delmas Greene.





### Next Up Event Details...

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

Business Meetings: Held the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at Jason's Deli, 25801 US 19 North, Clearwater, FL (Corner of Enterprise and US 19). Come early and have dinner with other enthusiasts. An \* by an event denotes it as an official FAC event.

**Fri-Sun May 15-17, 2009**

Cedar Key Weekend with Mid Florida Alfa Club \*

**Thursday June 11, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.  
June**

Business Meeting \*  
Open for Suggestions

**Thursday July 9, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.  
Wed-Sun July 15-19, 2009**

Business Meeting \*  
AROC National Convention, Portland, Oregon\*

**Thursday August 13, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.  
Saturday August 22, 2009 - 7:00 PM**

Business Meeting \*  
Dinner at the Greene's, meat and drinks provided:  
members bring a dish to share.

## ***CEDAR KEY WEEKEND May 15-17th, 2009***

Look out Cedar Key, here comes the Alfa Club. For a nice leisurely weekend, (not a lot to do) it is hard to beat their relaxing atmosphere. Our accommodations are in condos (NATURES LANDING) with great balcony views overlooking the backwaters of Cedar Key and just a quick walk to everything this little town has to offer. The local restaurants have a wonderful selection of food (try the "Heart of Palm" salad, an area specialty) and several local artsy types of shops. You will feel as if you have just stepped back in time as most things are as they were some 60 years ago. We have scheduled a visit to a local City and Civil War museum as well as a Winery in Brooksville for those that may get bored with "just relaxing".

The condos are about the most contemporary buildings there and are available in completely furnished one bedroom or two bedroom/two bath units. You may bring or purchase locally, whatever breakfast foods and snacks you wish. We will plan to eat out both Friday and Saturday evenings. Sharing a condo unit is encouraged and it saves quite a bit on the cost of the weekend.

Cedar key is located about 125 miles North of Clearwater on the Gulf of Mexico. For more information, maps and reservations information, go to their web site <http://www.natureslanding.net> May is still considered their "Season", so make your reservations as soon as possible. Their toll free number is 1-877-832-9161.

Call or contact Polly Greene 727-799-1486 (Clearwater area) or Gladys Bernstein 407-774-7947 (Orlando area) after making reservations to let us know you are coming.

1 bedroom      \$120.00 + tax/night                      2 bedroom      170.00 + tax/night

See you there!!!  
Delmas Greene  
Clearwater, Florida



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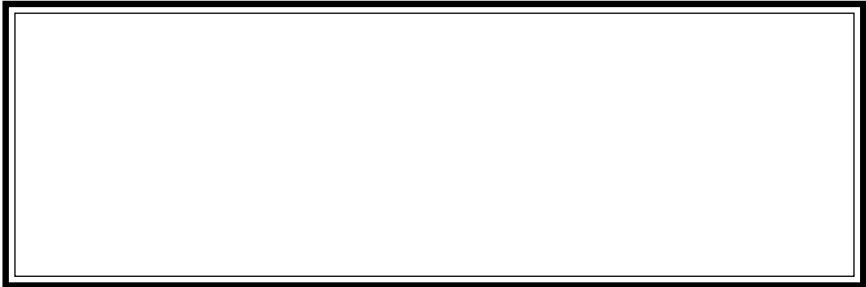
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