

Alfa Notizia



Happy New(sletter) Year !

Jan 2012

Old News:

You can read about the fantastic time we had at the Mid-Florida Club's annual *Viva Alfa Romeo* in this month's issue of *Alfa Owner*. Thank you Harold and Barry !

The first weekend in November is always special because on Saturday five dozen Alfas and Fiats gather at picturesque Celebration and on Sunday, just the other side of Orlando, is the Winter Park Concourse d'Elegance. So, many of us make it a weekend of events in central Florida. Put it on your calendar for next year !

We entered five cars in the St Pete Yacht Club's Vintage Motor Classic held on November 16th. What a gorgeous venue next to the historic and ornate club edifice across the street from the marina ! We garnered three trophies. This was not a concourse show, trophies are awarded on a "clean & shiney" basis so anyone has a chance of receiving a trophy if they use a little elbow grease. The organizers recruited Delmas Greene and I as judges of other classes and I know nothing about judging !



Alfa Romeo was the marquee at the 2011 St Petersburg Vintage Motor Classic. Photo by H Heed



Delmas, John and Harmon with trophies. Photo by Penny Sippel.

Next page is a short article on the DuPont Registry's 1st Annual Cars & Coffee held on November 19th. (*Alfa Owner* doesn't publish everything I send them.) It was a posh event, over 500 cars, morning show only and free for registrants ! Sorry more club members didn't attend.

Florida Alfa Club Tees Off at the duPont Registry 1st Annual Cars & Coffee at Innisbrook Resort

The DuPont Registry is the largest, longest published list of exclusive, expensive, exotic and sometimes even considered erotic manufactured cars available on the market. It is the collector's and foreign car owner's dream sheet.

Every month for the past twenty seven years the Registry staff of now over four dozen people in St. Petersburg, FL put together a full color, glossy magazine of about 250 pages of approximately 500 photographs listing fine autos for sale. They send out 180,000 copies a month. If you haven't seen one you're missing some sweet dreams.

On November 19th the Chairman/Publisher, Tom duPont, hosted the 1st Annual "duPont Registry Cars & Coffee" at the exclusive Innisbrook Golf Resort in Palm Harbor, FL. His staff lined up over 500 entrants covering the manicured 17th fairway of the championship North Course and an adjacent parking lot. Included were six select cars from the Florida Alfa Club: Delmas & Polly Greene's one only 1960 2000 Vignale; Harmon & Jo Heed's blond 1964 Giulia spider "Abby", Norm & Penny Sippel's race ready 1960 Giulietta spider veloce, John & Linda Rady's award winning GTV6 Maratano, John & Cheryl Picot's sleek and slinky 1972 Montreal and Dr. Rugerri & Carla Santilli's SS Zagato.



Greene's Vignale, Heed's Abby, Sippel's Giulietta, Rady's Maratano and Picot's Montreal. Photo H Heed



Tom DuPont presenting trophy to Delmas & Polly. Photo by duPont.

At noon the award winners drove through the covered Inverness Hall entry way, Tom announced them to the crowd and handed out the trophies and bottles of champagne. Then we all went to lunch and the crowd dispersed. After all, it was cars & coffee. And champagne.

The Christmas party at appropriately named Alfano's in Clearwater was a *bella ricevimento*, thank you once again, Polly Greene, for putting on a warm and cheerful fest and being a warm and cheerful hostess ! Over 35 people attended and *every one* received a present. Our past president, John Picot, right, handed over the gavel to our 2012 president, Barry Andress.



New News (& schedule): If you have any news or events you want listed here, let me know at harmonheed@yahoo.com.

Jan 12th, 7:30 PM. Business meeting at Jason's Deli, US-19 and Enterprise in Clearwater. Yeh, we do business but we also talk Alfas. Jason's has great deli sandwiches, soups and salads so most of us arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 and enjoy a hearty meal.

Jan 14th, 8:00-10:00 AM. Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor. For details call Nino Montipoli at (727) 738-4436.

Jan 21st, 7:00-9:00 AM. duPont Registry Cars & Coffee, Palm Harbor. For details call Barry Andress at (727) 942-7369.

Jan 21st, 11:00 AM till ??. "Pizza and the Racing Machine" at the Santilli's also in Palm Harbor. Rugerri & Carla will have their Formula 1 racing simulator set up in their living room. Pick a track, Monaco, Jarama, the Ring, etc., then climb in, buckle up and hit the throttle ! Pizza lunch included !! For details call Delmas Greene at (727) 799-1486.

Jan 29th, 11:00-3:00 PM. Polo at the Sarasota Polo Club. If you've never seen 8,000 lbs of thoroughbreds thundering around while their riders whack a 2" ball with 6' mallets you're in for a treat ! You can watch the action from the bleachers or walk along the sideline where there is a 6" high fence to protect you from the horses and ball. You read right, it's only six inches high. We always have a big group for this event, including members from other Alfa clubs and a fleet of Corvettes. Bring your picnic lunch and eat under the tent. During half time we drive our Alfas around the field to the oohs and

awes of the spectators. Tickets are only \$10 per person. For reservations and details contact Harmon at (941) 342-1246. Flyer is attached.

Feb 9th, 7:30 PM, Business meeting at Jason's Deli, US-19 in Clearwater.

Feb 11th, 8:00-11:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa.

Feb 18th, 7:00-9:00 AM, duPont Registry Cars & Coffee.

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10:00-3:00 PM,
Exotic Car Fest on
Circle, Sarasota.
seventy five
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one original 500SL

& a Maybach), a Veyron, Spyker, Saleen, etc, etc, etc., all set on the grass, under the trees, in the Circle and around the outside are exclusive shops and restaurants. It's a beautiful venue, free for spectators to wander. Last year we entered nine cars, seven for judging. We walked away with seven trophies including "Best in Show."



This year we're looking for ten Alfas to enter. [If you have a clean, showable or exotic Alfa to put on the grass please contact Harmon or Delmas. We'll be choosing the ten this month.](#) Entry fee is \$50. You can see details at sarasotaexoticcarfest.com. We have a dedicated area so registration must be coordinated through Harmon.

Mar 8th, 7:30 PM, Business meeting at Jason's.

March 9-11, Amelia Island Concourse d'Elegance. This is THE concourse for the east coast, comparable to Pebble Beach in California. Hundreds of remarkably restored

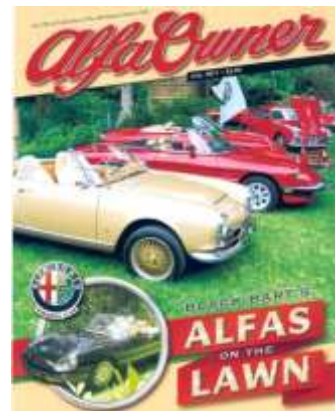
(that means unbelievably expensive) cars of all makes and vintage. 6C2300s and 8C2900s from the Golden Age of Alfa Romeo, the 1920s and 30s. Two auctions are held. Last year over \$3,000,000,000 (that's billion with a B) worth of restored, refined automotive history was auctioned off. It is momentous to see and be on the magnificent 18th fairway of the 5 star Ritz Carlton Resort. Nearby hotel/motel rooms are almost impossible to find but our in-house concierge, Polly, has reserved rooms at a discount price. See the FAC website for details at floridaalfaclub.org.

Mar 24th, the Mid-Florida AROC is planning a rally to Bok Tower Gardens near Lake Wales in central Florida that Saturday. Regular admission to the gardens is \$12 per person but if we pre register as 20 or more our tickets will be only \$10. We plan to arrive late morning and enjoy a picnic lunch together before touring the gardens and bizarre tower. Google it. Please let Delmas or Polly know by the 1st of March if you want to participate. (727) 799-1486.

April 29th, "Alfa's on the Lawn" at Bob and Jane Bartel's lea in East Palatka. That's across the St Johns River from West Palatka. "Black Bart" has been providing badges and emblems to Alfa owners for many years through his emporium. About 25 Alfas and other Italian cars gather every year for this picnic. Bart pulls pork and barbecues and we bring our own side dishes to share. His shop and collection of models and memorabilia is most impressive. You'll meet new friends and new cars for sure.



Left: Axel Rosenblad's 1967, front engine, Bertone Dino and Bart's mid engine 246. Only 156 of the front engine models were manufactured. Right, "Alfa's on the Lawn" made the cover of *Alfa Owner* last July.



Classicfieds: If you have an Alfa or parts you want to part with let me know and I can list them here for one month. For FREE !

I hope to see you at the Polo Grounds on the 29th. Please make your reservations early. If you have a nice car, let us know for the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest !

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Florida Alpha Club

Sarasota

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Sunday, January 29th

20th
ANNIVERSARY

11:00 ~ 3:00

Bring your picnic
lunch!



Tickets are \$10 per person.
Call or email Harmon for
reservations: (941) 342-1246
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