



## Alfa Notizia April 2012

Spring has sprung. Actually it sprung up last month but this is a fantastic time of year to be motoring around on our Milan motomagnificas.

Mid-last month Barry Andress, Delmas & Polly Greene and John & Linda Rady drove up and met with Joost Gompels, down from Savannah, at Amelia Island. On Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> they attended the inaugural Italiano Atlantico that gathered more than 30 Italian cars at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. The Co-Chairman's Award went to an Alfa Sebring Spider, a modified 750 Giulietta Veloce spider.



LEFT: Concorso Italiano "Co-Chairman's Award," 1963 Sebring Spider. I think this is also called a Giulietta Veloce Monoposto?

RIGHT: Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance "Best in Class, Sports Cars (Pre-War)," 1930 1750 Grand Sport.



On Sunday they attended the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, 300 astonishing autos on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> fairways of the Ritz Carlton course. There were 90 judges, all in blue blazers and khaki trousers. "Best of Show" went to a 1938 Bugatti Type 57C. "Best in Class: Sports Cars (Pre-War)" was a 1930 Alfa 1750 Grand Sport.

If those two shows weren't enough to see, there were also two auctions held there on that weekend. The Gooding Auction hammered down \$36,000,000 worth of collector/investor cars including a 1973 Porsche 917/30 for \$4,400,000. At the RM Auction over 100 cars crossed the block. The total sales were worth \$23,000,000 including six cars for over a million each. The only Alfa auctioned off was a 1963 2600 spider described as, "A tired, old, cosmetically redone car that is a barely acceptable driver." It sold at \$55,000. Mike Villani, finish your 2600 Spider restoration !



LEFT: Tired, 2600 Spider sold for \$55k at the RM Auction at Amelia Island.

RIGHT: Relaxing on the Vinoy Renaissance lawn at "Festivals of Speed;" Harmon, Diane, Dan, Tom, Delmas, John and Nino.



On April Fools Day six of us displayed at the "Festivals of Speed" at the Vinoy Renaissance Resort on the St. Pete waterfront. After a bit of delay, while the show organizers made room for show car and vendor trailers, we lined ourselves up on the grass between three dozen Ferraris, at least that many Porsches, close to the food tent, not too far (and upwind) from the porta potties and in the shade. The organizers thanked us and we thanked them. In the line were Harmon Heed's blond, Giulia Spider Abnormale, Barry Andress' red, 1983 Spider, Tom Pletta's Mediterranean blue, 1986 Spider, Dan & Dianne Castorani's red, 1987 Milano, Delmas Greene's blue, 1973 Montreal and John Rady's metallic gray, 1984 GTV6 "Maratano." Club Pres Andress coordinated our entry and got the organizers to wave the \$50 per car entry fee. Thank you Barry !



Barry Andress' 1983 Spider with new leather seats and matching, plaid wool, Scottish comforter.



Right in the middle of the show was this Toro Groundmaster 7200 mower chained to a tree. Trophy time !



Tom Pletta's very well prepared 1986 Mediterranean blue spider.

April continues to be a very busy month for the Florida Alfa Club.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00~8:30 PM, business meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00~10:00 AM, "Cars & Coffee" at Ferrari of Tampa Bay in Palm Harbor.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**, 7:00~9:00 AM, "Cars & Coffee" at duPont Registry in St Pete.

**!April 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, 11:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM,** Southwest Florida AROC is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “European Sports Car Show” at the Parrot Key Caribbean Grille on Ft, Myers Beach. The inaugural show, last year, in the funky Key West setting, was a first time fantastic, very well organized; among the cars displayed were seven Alfas including a Duetto, a Mangusta and a battery powered Porsche 914 that could patch out in 3<sup>rd</sup> gear and max out at over 116 mph ! The entrant & raffle gifts were abundant and organizers Larry Sisco and Buddy Guynn say they will be even more generous this year. Jo & I won a free round trip to Fantasy Fest on the fast Key West Express catamaran last year. If you haven’t yet test driven a Fiat Cinquecento (500) this is the place to do it (but not on the beach). It’s only a two hour drive south from the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, the show hours, 11:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM gives Tampa Bay area members plenty of time to drive to and from in the daylight and what more wonderful way to spend a morning or afternoon than ambling along in your Alfa ? Flyer follows.



LEFT: Alfas lined up for the SWFAROC Inaugural show in 2011 beginning with Rich Pedott’s 1966 1750 Duetto.

RIGHT: Chuck Scariano’s rare Qvale Mangusto with the rarer “roto top.”



**April 28~29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday and Sunday,** the South Florida AROC has invited us to join them at the Miami Grand Prix held at Homestead Miami Speedway. They have reserved a spot just behind the grandstands for an Alfa Corral to park our Portello ponies in. Your special Alfa Corral ticket also gets you a paddock pass to get up close to the garage and drivers. In honor of Alfa’s racing heratige we will also be able to drive our Alfas around the track after the race for a parade lap ! For details and reservations visit the South Florida AROC website, [sfaroc.com](http://sfaroc.com) &/or contact Aramando Paredes at [alfa@mwinc.net](mailto:alfa@mwinc.net). Flyer follows.

**April 28~29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday and Sunday,** or just Sunday, “Alfas on the Lawn” at Jane & Bob Bartel’s home in West Palatka, just south of St. Augustine. This is an intimate event as we park on the lawn behind their rustic house under the grand oak trees surrounded by lush foliage. Bob barbecues pulled pork and wurst and we each bring a side dish. There are usually about 25 Alfas gathered on the lawn and, inevitably, a rare car you didn’t know existed. You can read about last year’s gathering in last July’s Alfa Owner.

A group will be caravanning over from the Tampa Bay area on Saturday, meeting up with Mid-Florida AROC members vic Orlando and having dinner and spending the night at the Crystal Cove Resort over looking the St. John River. Polly Greene has once again gotten us great rates: \$55 for a parking lot room or \$65 for riverside rooms with a great

view of the wide river. Sunday morning we take a rollicking ride along winding, narrow roads on both sides of the river before arriving at the Bartel's at noon. Coordinate with Delmas (727) 439-2019, [alfagreene@earthlink.net](mailto:alfagreene@earthlink.net) & make room reservations with Leah at (386) 325-1055.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00~10:00 AM, "Sarasota Cars & Coffee" at Suncoast Porsche on the Trail.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00~8:30 PM, BS meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00~8:30 PM, BS meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater.

**June 20~24<sup>th</sup>**, AROC National Convention, Toronto, Canada. Check your Alfa Owner for details. And check with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to get your passport updated quick ! Have you ever wondered why Canadians end their sentences with "Ay" ? Simple, it's how they spell it: CAy, NAY, DAY, eh ?

It's SPRING, wonderful weather time in the South, this is the best time to be out in our Alfas, especially spiders. Get in your cars and use them for what they were made for, DRIVING ! Participate in club activities, get to know fellow Alfa owners and trade knowledge and experience about our cars. And share that knowledge by sending it to me so I can include it in these news letters !

Harmon Heed  
(941) 342-1246

**For Sale:** 1960 Giulietta Spider, Flyer follows

**For Free:** 1600 Normale clutch cover. Call Harmon



# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL EUROPEAN SPORTS CAR SHOW



AT SALTY SAM'S MARINA  
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FORT MYERS BEACH, FL



Enjoy a fun day at the Parrot Key Caribbean Grill, on the water dining,  
live music, beautiful cars, raffles, prizes, and interesting people.

Show Date: Saturday April 21, 2012, 11 AM to 4 PM



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*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parrot Key European  
Sports Car Show Registration Form*

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*Saturday April 21, 2012*  
*11 am - 4pm*

*Location- Parrot Key Caribbean Grille,  
2200 Main St, Ft Myers Beach, FL*

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Registration Donation Fee-\$15.00 per car  
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Car Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Registration commitment/deadline is Friday April 13, 2012.

Registration Checks should be made out to Children's Hospital of SWFL. Please mail your registration form and check to Larry Sisco 222 Industrial Blvd #137, Naples, FL 34104 Contact Larry Sisco at 239 641-4714 with questions or for information.

*Vehicles should be at the venue and in place by 10:30 am. If you want to reserve an area for multiple cars to be together, please call Larry Sisco with any special requests.*

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## Miami Grand Prix April 28 & 29

**[Official Alfa Romeo Homestead Flyer](#)**

South Florida Alfa Romeo Owners Club invites you to a weekend of racing, food and Alfas. Please scroll down for the entry form and more details on race times.



Saturday April 28th and Sunday the 29th

Saturday Race Schedule:	Our Schedule:
2:45 PM - Continental Tire Challenge (2.5 hrs)	Coffee and doughnuts at Eddie Fontana's Alfa shop Cruise to Homestead for the best Mexican lunch in South Florida Short drive to the track to watch the race
Sunday Race Schedule:	Our Schedule:
11:00am - Sportsman Showcase (45 minute sprint) 1:00 pm - Grand Prix of Miami (2.75 hrs)	Breakfast in South Miami Drive down to the track on some "quiet" backroads. Watch the races

### ALFA News

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If you're ever in CT, make sure you stop by this restaurant!



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Alfas for sale:

[Ebay](#)  
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	QTY	PRICE	SUBTOTAL
2-DAY PASS (APRIL 28-29, 2012)		\$45	
ADDITIONAL PASSENGER		\$30	
SATURDAY (APRIL 28, 2012)		\$20	
ADDITIONAL PASSENGER		\$10	
SUNDAY (APRIL 29, 2012)		\$35	
ADDITIONAL PASSENGER		\$25	
SHIPPING AND HANDLING			\$3.00

\*ALL PRICES INCLUDE 7% FLORIDA SALES TAX

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(ORDERS PLACED WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS OF THE EVENT WILL BE PLACED AT WILL CALL)

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# FOR SALE

## 1960 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider Normale

Chassis #1495\*10674, Engine #AR1315.16774 (original engine) 73,821 miles

**Modifications for Racing:** High performance cams from Centerline, Veloce oil pump, Veloce oil pan, Remote oil filter, Weber DGV 32/36 Carburetor, Koni shocks, H.D. front sway bar, H.D. rear sway bar, Removable roll bar & forward brace, Fuel cell, Electric fuel pump, Aeroquip fuel lines, Stainless steel brake lines, Reinforced trailing arm mounts. VSCCA Log Books since 2000.

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