



## Alfa Notizia May 2012

The host Parrot Key Grille on Ft Myers Beach, with its layback, Caribbean ambiance couldn't stop the weather from cancelling the South West Florida AROC's European Car show on April 21<sup>st</sup>. SWFL Pres Bob Lombardo and chief organizer Buddy Guynn prudently asked us not to risk the drive down in the projected hail. And it did hail and rain ! Let's hope they can reschedule later this year, when it cools down.

The last weekend in April, as usual, was "Alfas on the Lawn" at Bob & Jane Bartel's home by the St John River just south of St Augustine. It was a gorgeous weekend to traverse the state which we did eastways on Saturday and met with Mid-Florida members at the Crystal Cove Resort overlooking the St John. There were twelve of us for dinner that evening, including Bob & Jane, at crowded "Corky Bell's" on the bank of the river in West Palatka. None of us fed sweet potato fries to the **big**, salivating gator awaiting them under the terrace.

Sunday morning was exquisite, waking with the sun rising over the sleepy river, shining into our rooms but perhaps a bit too early. Polly & Delmas Greene provided a complete, continental breakfast for us in the center court of the refurbished resort which had given us very good, club rates.

On our way from West to East Palatka we saw a street, car show and Bob Miller, in his one of a kind, "Toyalfa" or "Alfoya" parked us *in* it. Kind of like casually crashing a country party and becoming the belle of the ball. We walked the two block show and then waltzed out and crossed the river to the Bartel's. It was a lean year on the Lawn with only seventeen cars: fifteen Alfas, a Dino and a new, shiny red Nissan "spider." As Black Bart says, if it runs, bring it. But a Nissan ? Read about the gathering in Dan Scanlon's upcoming article in Alfa Owner.



Left: a row of red on the lawn at Bob & Jane Bartel's.  
Right: Gladys & Howard Burnstein, Chrissie, Polly & Delmas Greene, Harmon Heed, John & Linda Rady and seated, the gang leaders, Bob & Margo Miller relax after crashing a street car party in Palatka.



Every year at Bart's there's a car few of us have seen. Two years ago it was a Siata. Last year it was Axel Rosenblad's front engine, Bertone bodied Dino. This year it was Erik Ekh's rare, US legal 156. Erik bought the car on eBay from an owner who already had the car legally registered in Massachussetes. Erik didn't care that the car was salvage, he wanted a 156 and the legalization problem was already solved for him. It took him four years to restore the car using many parts from junk yards in his homeland of Sweden and other European countries where the car is ubiquitous. Being the owner and pilot of his own executive jet company helped parts delivery considerably.



Left: Erik Ekh by his restored and legal 2001 156 Berlina.  
Right: The rear says it all, an Alfa 156 with a Swedish driver.



Those were the major events of April. Speaking of events, we could use some help putting them on. We have a many members who partake in events but don't help organize them. It doesn't take much time or effort to put an event together but when many events are left to only a few to put together it becomes an inordinate burden on them. Help out, help organize just one event a year. There's back ground and history to make it easy. If there's something you think would be a fun event, bring it up, get it on the schedule and DO IT ! Contact club president Barry Andress at (727) 7369 or [barryboya@earthlink.net](mailto:barryboya@earthlink.net).

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-8:30 PM, Business Meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater. Good food !

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-9:00 AM, duPont Registry Cars & Coffee, St Pete.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Sarasota Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche on the Trail.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-8:30 PM, Business meeting at Jason's in Clearwater. Good Alfa info !

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-9:00 AM, duPont Registry Cars & Coffee, St Pete.

**June 20-24<sup>th</sup>**, AROC National, er, International Convention, Toronto, Canada. Check your Alfa Owner and with Delmas Greene, (727) 439-2019, for details. Did you know that Canadians own more property and businesses in the US than the next three countries combined ? And that more Americans vacation in Canada than any other country ?

**July & August**, normally do nothing months because of the heat and humidity here but if you have an idea for an indoor event, let us know. It's your club !

**For Sale:** 1960 Giulietta spider, see flyer.

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