



# Alfa Notizia July 2012

Because of the heat wave our snowbird members are suffering through up north, (perhaps they should come back down to cool off), this issue is dedicated to our Winter Park member, A.C. Leerdam and you few members that have AC in your Alfas.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, some of us who don't have kids close by, were treated to a fun Father's Day at the regal Rutland Estate inside Coquina Key on Tampa Bay in St Pete. It was a benefit for the restoration of the grand Biltmore Bellevue Hotel but was also a benefit for those of us who showed up in our clean cars. We parked out on the manicured, spacious front lawn. Behind the spacious main house, lunch was catered out of the spacious pool house cabana by the spacious pool. On one side of the spacious pool was the kid's spacious tree house and on the other side was a spacious putting green the size of a championship course green. In between was space for a twenty two piece band swinging music. Penny Sippel wanted to Lindy but no one knew or couldn't remember how or was too full or wasn't nimble enough to dance with her.

The auto show part of the benefit was put together rather quickly and very adeptly by new member Frank Mann who showed his abnormal, 73 BMW 2002. Frank also has a 74 GTV and 67 Duetto, both of which are in line for restoration. He is a trove of willing to share information. Frank gathered fifty+ cars including also new members Tom & Marilyn Kruze in their resplendent, red, auto and AC'd 91 spider, their friends the Carsons in their enfukated Boxter, club pres Barry Andress in his immaculate, red, 83 spider, me in my blond, abnormal, 64 spider "Abby" and Norm & Penny Sippel in their recently purchased metallic Maserati Maraschino.



Frank Mann's abnormal 73 2002 Beemer  
Powered by an M3 S14 engine  
Photo by Barry Andress



The spacious back yard with pool,  
putting green, tree house and the bay.  
Photo by Marilyn Kruze



The Sippel's maroon Masi and the Kruz's  
and Barry's red spiders on the lawn.  
Photo by Barry Andress

This month, this weekend in fact, just two days after our BS meet at Jason's, club members are gathering at the Alfa Romeo Inc. (ARI) U.S. headquarters and main warehouse near Orlando for a swap meet put on by our fellow Alfisi of the Mid-Florida AROC and hosted by Tony DiMuro, Parts & Marketing

Operations Officer for Alfa and Maserati in the U.S. Dust off and pack up your old, Alfa parts and bring them to sell or swap to other AROC club members from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own drinks, picnic lunch, chairs and tables and perhaps a tent; restrooms will be available in the big Alfa warehouse. Directions are:

Take Highway 4 to Exit 72 onto SR 528. Take Exit 8/McCoy Road toward Sandlake Road.

Stay straight and go onto McCoy Road/SR 482 West (keep left at the fork to go onto McCoy Rd).

Take first left onto Boggy Creek Road. Chrysler sign at 10300 will be on left.

Last year three members brought parts in on trailers. Please let Gladys Bernstein know if you are attending: [glad1bee@cfl.rr.com](mailto:glad1bee@cfl.rr.com). We hope to see you there, A.C., in your 1900 SSZ or TZI.



The next July event will be the following week, also in the Orlando area: a block party by Fields Fiat of Orlando celebrating the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Fiat studios opening in the US. Fields Fiat is at 131 N. Orange Ave, downtown Orlando. Bring your Alfa, 2:00-6:00 PM, they'll position you out front, wine and dine you inside with a DJ doing dance music outside. Please let Tom Mikl know if you are attending: (407) 674-8830. A year ago we put ten Alfas at the entrance of the opening of the studio at Fiat of Clearwater and were treated like cognoscenti !

Also that Saturday, unfortunately, will be funeral services for Marcia Icabcaceta Roberts. Don and Marcia, two warm and wonderful people, have been active Florida AROC members for almost 30 years. Her services will be held at 2:00 PM at the Sunrise United Methodist Church, 7400 Wickham Road, just one mile west of I-95 in Melbourne. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made In Memory Of (IMO) Marcia Icabcaceta Roberts to the University of Pennsylvania early detection of ovarian cancer research group either by calling (215) 746-2213 or on-line at <http://www.penncancer.org/patients/giving>. Or, a check made out to The Abramson Cancer Center can be mailed to Penn Medicine Development, Attn: Charles Gondos, 3535 Market St. Ste. 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Messages or stories to share about Marcia may be left by visiting her guest book at: <http://www.beachfuneralhome.com/>. Marcia, we miss you; Don & family, we send our condolences and happy memories of many years.

There are no events planned for the hot months of August and September other than business meetings on the second Thursdays. If any members have ideas for indoor events please contact club press Barry Andress at (727) 942-7369 or [barryboya@earthlink.net](mailto:barryboya@earthlink.net).



Here's a way to keep cool, go kayaking with your kayak atop your spider as Delmas Greene does in North Carolina in his '69 1750 tapered tail spider.

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**July 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-8:00 PM, Business meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater. Pastrami on rye.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Swap meet at ARI US HQ and warehouse, Orlando.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2:00 PM, Services for Marcia Roberts, Sunrise United Methodist Church, Melbourne.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2:00-6:00 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Fiat Anniversary block party, Fields Fiat of Orlando.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Suncoast Porsche on the Trail.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**, Business meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater, pastas and paninis.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00, Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

**August 18<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-10:00, Cars & Coffee, duPont Registry, St Pete.

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-8:30 PM, Business meeting at Jason's Deli, seven savory salads.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00-3:00, Annual New Season Kickoff Picnic, Ft DeSoto Beach, St Pete.

**November 2-3<sup>rd</sup>**, *Viva Alfa Romeo* at Celebration, Disney World.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-?? PM ?, Christmas Party at Alfano's, Largo.

## For Sale

**1984 Spider Veloce**, red/saddle, AC, original owner, new Pirellis and all hoses, 62,000 miles.



Debbie Ferguson (727) 804-6244

\$10,500

Very nice condition