



## Alfa Notizia September 2012

Florida has two seasons: Summer and Hell. Summer is about to begin and with it so is another Alfa Romeo season ! Attached is a flyer to the annual kick-off party at beautiful Ft. DeSoto Beach on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. This beach was rated **#1** in the USA in 2005.



At left is the Club banner flying in front of Shelter #2. There is plenty of table space; barbecue pits will be lit for your cooking and just behind the shelter is the pristine beach. Our Alfas line up in front in the parking area for, ahem, "judging." It's "Spectators Choice" so women bring your pencils !

FAC member Richard Dimmler, who has retired to Sun City, has recently had some body work done: three vertebrae welded together. OUCH ! Repair well and soon, Richard, we want to see you and Suzanne out in that red, 82 spider. Here's a photo of Richard in the hospital. Hey, is that an Alfa Romeo bed ?





Delmas & Polly Greene and John & Linda Rady just took a long trip to Italy which included a tour of the Maserati plant where the Alfa 4C will be built. They also drove the "Mille Miglia." At left are John & Delmas at the Nuvolari wine bar on the MM route. Can't wait to hear about that trip ! Come hear about it at the business meeting this Thursday &/or read about it in next month's Notizia.

Frank Mann is having his 1974 GTV restored and has been kind enough to provide us info on people/shops who are doing the work. Thanks Frank. I've seen one of his BMWs and all I can say is WOW ! Here's his comments.

For the engine and transmission rebuild: Franco Noce Franco's Imported Cars  
12201 66<sup>th</sup> St. N. Largo, FL. 33733 PH: 727-539-6776

Comments: I got a quote for this same engine rebuild from Spruell in Atlanta for \$20K and Franco did it along with the transmission for \$6.5K parts and labor.

For the body work and restoration: Steven Hartmann Hartmann Auto Body & Restoration  
160 Hope Street, Ste. 172 Longwood, FL. 32750 PH: 407-644-9904

Comments: Steven took my 74 GTV down to bare metal and welded on door panels and floor pans seamlessly, a real genius with a torch.

For the final assembly, suspension, breaks, and tuning: Jim Shoemaker German Autowerks  
164 Hope Street, Ste. 1070 Longwood, FL. 32750 PH: 407-699-4151

Comments: Jim has built and restored my 73 BMW 2002 as well as my 74 BMW 3.0CS Coupe with amazing results at half the price of a dealer.

For the Upholstery and Interior work: Don Tuttobene Maitland Auto Upholstery

141 N. Orlando Ave. Maitland, FL. 32751 PH: 407-644-9904 Comments: He is well known by the Orlando Alfa club and does many of their cars. He has done the interior on two of mine.

For the chrome and Bright Work: M. Jhoda MR Metal Refinishing/Florida Metal Refinishing  
5010 Grady Ave. Tampa, FL. 33614 PH: 813-879-1195

Comments: He can polish any metal and has full chrome and stripping tank on site. He is not the cheapest but the best. He can chrome pot metal, as in older car's trunk/hood hinges.

We need more members to step up and share information like this. Send it to me !

Frank's next project is the restoration of his 1967 Duetto.

**For Sale:** Frank also found a fellow in Oregon who is about to put on the market three mid-1960s, 2600 Sprints, one a rust bucket, one in restoration and one restored. He also has a 1969 2 liter 124 coupe and 1962 Ghia 1500 GT for sale. <http://europeansportsimports.com/inventory.php>.

And from FAC member Norm Sippel, who is an Associate Publisher at Vintage Motorsport magazine, the latest Alfa news:

<http://europe.autonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120903/ANE/309039958/more-delays-hobble-alfas-u-s-return>

Club President, Barry Andress, sent in this youtube mpeg to warn us to be careful where we park when we go to car shows. Watch it but make sure you watch it till the end.

[http://www.youtube.com/v/IQfZY5rvXX0&rel=0&hl=en\\_US&feature=player\\_embedded&version=3](http://www.youtube.com/v/IQfZY5rvXX0&rel=0&hl=en_US&feature=player_embedded&version=3)

Jeff Hanson, who pilots a ravishing red 1993 spider MkIV, proposes we take a road trip to the Fiorelli Winery out in the rolling hills of east Manatee County for wine tasting and lunch. Maybe we'll learn, like maybe Delmas and John did, why Tazio Nuvolari was called "The Flying Mantuan." What do you think ?

Harmon

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-8:30, Business meeting at Jasons. Always on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-10:00, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete. (Always 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.)

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00, Cars & Coffee at Sun Coast Porsche, Sarasota. (Always 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday.)

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-8:30 PM, Business meeting at Jason's Deli on Hwy 19 in Clearwater.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor. (Always 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.)

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00-2:00 PM, Season Kick-Off party at scenic Ft DeSoto State Park Beach in St Pete. Time to get out again and see old friends, barbecue and swap summer stories.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

**November 3, Saturday**, 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM, *Viva Alfa Romeo*, Celebration, FL. The biggest gathering of Alfas in the South ! Sixty five+ Alfas and Fiats will cover the cobblestone street of this quaint, Disney town. Many folks come Friday night and enjoy dinner with Mid-Florida members.

**November 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**, Winter Park Concours d'Elegance on the old, historic, cobblestone city streets. After *Viva Alfa Romeo*, spend the night in Orlando area, park, walk and see some truly elegant old cars.

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

**November 11th, Sunday, 10:00-4:00, St Pete Yacht Club Vintage Car Show.** Beautiful location, in the park by the marina. For cars vintage 1979 or older. An easy place to garner a trophy. If we get six Alfa entrants we get our own class.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 7:00-????.** Florida Alfa Club annual Christmas party at Alfano's Italian Restaurant in Largo. With a name like that, this place is made for us. The food is *deliziosissima* and Polly Greene puts on a great party with gifts for all ! Please make your reservations early.

**January, Polo Match at Sarasota Polo Club; fifty people show up for this event.**

**February, Sarasota Exotic Car Fest, St. Armands Circle.** We put 7-10 cars on the grass in the circle and always take home trophies !

# Florida Season Kick-off Beach Party



Our annual, season kick-off, beach party for the 2012-2013 Florida Alfa Club season will be held, as always, at beautiful Ft Desoto Beach in St Pete.

**Sunday, October 14, 11:00-2:00, Shelter #2** on the north end of Mullet Key. Bring your food and drinks, barbecue pits will be fired up and there's plenty of table space. Bring your swim suits; indoor showers and rest rooms are there, too !.



Yes, there's car judging but everyone, **ladies** included, participate because it's "**Spectator's Choice** ! So, y'all bring your pens. A not very serious form will be provided.

**Please** make reservations by calling &/or emailing Harmon at **(941) 342-1246 or harmonheed@yahoo.com**. There's no charge by the Florida Alfa Club but there is a \$5 per car park entrance fee.



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