



Alfa Notizia November 2012

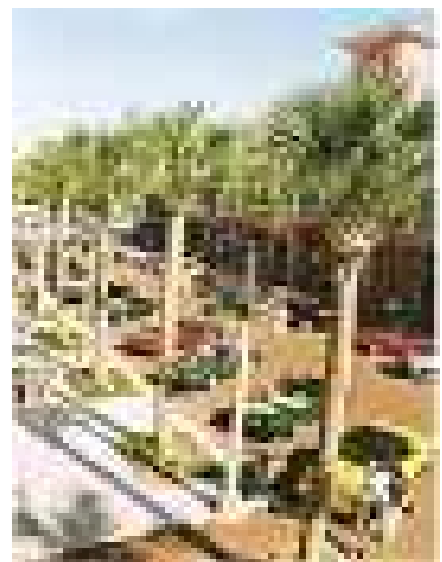
First, business meeting this Thursday at Jason's Deli in the Cypress Point shopping center on US 19, just south of Enterprise in Clearwater. Good food, good price, good meeting room and we can now park our cars together in the law office parking lot just south of Jason's. Thanks to new member Joe Kane. This is election night for next year's officers.

On October 14th we had a great season opener gathering at Ft DeSoto Beach in St Pete thanks to Jeff Hanson who put it on for us. Fourteen Alfas showed, eight spiders and six closed cars, plus Norm & Penny Sippel's Maserati GranTurismo, Ted & Barbara Stratton's (Mid-Florida



members) Aston Martin Vantage Volante and Nino & Violet Montipoli's nice Bimmer. The People's Choice Trophy went again to Delmas & Polly Greene's 1960 Vignale bodied 2600 Berlinetta. Second place was a tie between the Sippel's Maserati and the Stratton's Aston Martin. Weather and friends, as usual were perfect. Food, as usual was too much. Thanks again, Jeff !

On November 3rd was the biggest Alfa gathering of the year in Florida, the Mid-Florida's *Viva Alfa Romeo* held in Celebration next to Disney World. It's so quaint and clean you would think you are inside the park. Organizers, Event Chair Barry Mann and Club Pres Howard Bernstein put on a 10th (Tin and Aluminum) Anniversary extravaganza: 60 Alfas plus many Fiats lined both sides of the brick Market Street, from the bandstand down to the lake. Sixty two sponsors supported the affair, including International Auto Parts (IAP) and Sebring International Speedway who had their pace car there. The drawing grand prize was two tickets to the 12 Hours of Sebring race ! The winner of '1980 and Earlier Open Car' and 'People's Choice Award' was Ricardo Brungoli with his superb 1958 spider Veloce. FAC members John & Linda Rady won '1980 and Newer Closed Car' with their new to them gray,



1988 Milano. The Rady's are not new to winning as they also have a 100+ GTV6 "Maratona", also grey.

This show is famous for the extravagant of the contents of the Entrant's Gift Bag which is always worth a whole lot more than the \$20 registration. Included in the bag this year were a 12V tire pump, a unique tool set in the shape of a wheel with an Alfa emblem in the center, a ream of local discount coupons and enough product samples to keep your car well detailed till the first weekend in November, 2013.



Viva Alfa Romeo Chairman Barry Mann MCs and hands out trophies and gifts.



John & Linda Rady win With their new Milano!



Market St empties out for lunch in the bistros and boutiques behind the cars.

Our next event is this Sunday, Veteran's Day, the St Pete Yacht Club Vintage Car Classic held in scenic Straub Park next to the yacht club and right across from the marina. We don't get many entrants here because the cars have to be older than 1979 but those who do enter usually do trophy. Even if you don't have a car entered it is a wonderful way to spend a Sunday in the park, walking among some beautiful cars, enjoying a hamburger or chicken sandwich in the shade of a giant oak tree. For more info contact FAC member Frank Mann at (727) 254-9723 or fmann1@tampabay.rr.com. Flyer follows.



Delmas Greene, Nino Montipoli and Mark Dubovick top trophied in 2009



Harmon Heed and Nino with "Top Trophies" in 2010.



Delmas, John Rady and Harmon with "Top Trophies" in 2011.

There is no evening business meeting next month, December, but we will be meeting the evening of Saturday, December 8th for our annual Christmas party at Alfano's Italian Restaurant at 1702 Clearwater-Largo Road in Clearwater. (727) 584-2125. Yeh, we have a restaurant named for us ! Cocktails and hor d'oeuvres, 6:30 – 7:30, cash bar. Dinner at 7:30.

Menu:

Veal Marsala – Scallops of veal sauteed with Mushrooms, Marsala wine, a touch of tomato and veal demi glace.

Roast Duck – Crisp, roasted duck, partially boned, flamed with brandy and served with an orange amaretto sauce.

Chicken Cacciatore – Crisp, bone-in roasted half chicken served with sauteed peppers, onions and mushrooms.

Lemon Sole Francese – Fresh fillet of sole dipped in egg and Romano cheese, pan sauteed, finished with lemon sauce.

Desert – choices will be **Crème Brulee, Tira Misu and New York Style Cheese Cake.**

All menu choices will be served bread, salad or soup, dessert, coffee or tea. \$40 per person.

Please RSVP to hostess, Polly Greene, no later than **November 27th**. pollygreene@yahoo.com.

We're starting the New Year, 2013, off with a club favorite, a polo match at the Sarasota Polo Club. On Jan 10th the guys will line up the cars next to the grandstands as the women lay out the food under the tent. Even better, for you with 'contemporary' spiders with the flat trunks, you can "tail gate" off of a table cloth on your rear deck. Someone do bring china, sterling and a candelabra. During half time we parade around the field to the delight of the spectators. Entrance will be \$12 per person if we sell 50 tickets or \$15 if we sell less than 50. Contact is Harmon, (941)2342-1246, harmonheed@yahoo.com. Order tickets early !

On Febuary 23rd it's the prestigious Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on posh St Armands Circle. If you have a nice Alfa you would like to show, it doesn't have to be 95+ concours, and would like to "put it in the Circle" contact event chair Dan Castorani, dan.castorani@yahoo.com.

March 8-10 is Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Pebble Beach East. If you haven't been to Amelia, treat yourself and go. We get a club discount at a nearby motel so we don't have to pay Ritz Carlton price. Contact person is Delmas Greene, alfagreene@earthlink.net.

In April, something new, a road trip to the Rosa Fiorelli winery out in east Manatee County. Jeff Hanson is putting this one together and it sounds like a fun ride, wine tasting and good, Italian bistro lunch. Mamma Mia !

Do you have any ideas for an event ?

November 8th, 7:00~8:30 PM, business meeting, Jason's Deli, Clearwater. Yummy food !

November 10th, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor. (2nd Sat.)

November 11th, Sunday, 10:00~3:00, St Pete Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic in Straub Park across from the marina in downtown St Pete. If you have a clean, Italian car of vintage 1979 or older, enter it in our group. Registration is only \$25. Register early and get a free T-shirt and dash plaque. Register online at spyc.org/classic. We always trophy here.

November 17th, 7:30~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete. (3rd Saturday.)

December 1st, 8:00~10:00, Cars & Coffee at Sun Coast Porsche, Sarasota. (Always 1st Saturday.)

December 8th, Saturday, 7:00- ?:00. Florida Alfa Club annual Christmas party at our Alfano's in Largo. Join us for Christmas cheer and take home a gift. Every one gets a gift !

January 6th, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche on the Trail in Sarasota.

January 10th, 6:30-8:30 PM, BS meeting at Jason's delicious Deli in Clearwater.

January 12th, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars and Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

January 13th, Sunday, 11:00~3:00, polo at the Sarasota Polo Grounds. Bring your friends ! Reserve tickets early so we can keep the cost down to \$12 per person.

January 19th, 7:30~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

February 2nd, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche on the Trail in Sarasota.

February 14th, Valentines Day ! BS meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater. Bring your sweetie but not your New Year's resolution to lose weight.

February 23rd, Saturday, 10:00~3:00, Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on St Armands Circle in Sarasota. Five dozen Ferraris, one dozen Lambos, a few Masies, Jags, Porsches, Bentleys, a couple of Veyrons, GT40s, McLarens, Stryker, and six to ten of our Alfas !

March 16~17th, Saturday & Sunday, Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance at the Ritz on Amelia Island, FL. See some of the rarest and finest cars in the world at "Pebble Beach East."

April, 13th, Saturday, 10:00~3:00, road trip and wine tasting to/at Fiorelli Winery just south of Lake Manatee in east Manatee County. Get out of the way Novulari !

St. Pete Yacht Club

Vintage Motor Classic

Sunday, November 11th, 2012



10:00 ~ 3:00



Held at scenic Straub Park by the elegant St Pete Yacht Club across the street from the beautiful St Pete marina.



Last year we flew our flag at the entrance of the park & exhibits. We always take home trophies at this event for "Clean & Shine."

For 1979 & older cars. Registration prior to Nov 6 only \$25. Register early & get free T-shirt & dash plaque. Register on-line at spyc.org/classic

Florida Alfa Club



If we have six cars we have our own class & area. Even if you don't enter a car, spend a lovely Sunday afternoon walking the park, enjoying friends, food and fine cars !

*For club coordination and RSVP contact Frank Mann
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