

Alfa Notizia December 2012

Saturday night, December 8, 7:00 - ????, Alfano's Italian Restaurant, to celebrate an Alfa

Merry Christmas!

If you haven't made your reservations yet, you still can: contact Polly Greene at pollygreene@yahoo.com. Polly puts on a real festeggiamento, good friends and fine food! Hosted hors d'oeuvres and no host bar opens at 6:30. Dinner is served at 7:30 with your entrée choices of Veal Marsala, Chicken Cacciatore, Roast Duck or Lemon Sole Francese. Desert choices are Crème Brule, Tira Misu, or new York Cheese Cake. Cost is \$40 per person. After dinner everybody gets a gift! Bravisimo, Polly!

Our last event was the St. Pete Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic. We had only two entrants this year and only one Alfa. Nino Montipoli showed his restored 1958 Mercedes Benz 180 roadster and Harmon Heed his abnormale 1964 Giulia spider. They were the only two cars in the Foreign Open Class, 1958-1964. Nino won the class trophy. He and Harmon are now even with three trophies each at this elegant event.

This show has become a predominantly British car show dominated by club classes with many MGs, Healeys and Triumphs. And this year they opened up a 'corral' for cars for sale.



Our next event, after the holidays, is a perennial favorite, a polo match at the Sarasota Polo Club held on Sunday, January 13th, 11:00 ~ 3:00. We have our own tent, bleachers and parking area. Bring your picnic and eat on the grass or under the tent or tailgate on the tail of your spider as some do. Put a table cloth on the trunk and spread out your meal there; paper plates and plastic on checkerboard calico or china and sterling on linen, French's or Grey Poupon, it's all fun!

At half time we line up our Alfas and circle the playing field, just inside the spectators who cheer and take our photos. Each car and driver (usually 15-20) is announced from the press box over the field PA system.

Tickets are \$12 per person if purchased before Christmas and \$15 after. Tickets will <u>not</u> be available at the gate. Tickets can be purchased at the Christmas party but please pay with check or have exact cash. Tickets can also be purchased via mail. To order contact Harmon at harmonheed@yahoo.com or (941) 726-9723. Directions are: I-75 to Exit 213, University



Parkway; go east for six miles to Lorraine Road; turn right; turn right at third road into the Sarasota Polo Club. There will be Alfa signs beginning at Lorraine Road so it's easy to find. This is a great occasion to treat friends to. We have Corvette and British car owner friends joining us in the warm sun, fun and food and thundering of hooves.

The next event is a distinguished affair held on Saturday, February 23rd, at elegant St Armands Circle in Sarasota: the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest. Along with over fifty Ferraris, a dozen Lambos, a smattering of Maseraties, a couple of Isos, GT40s, Mercedes AMGs, Veyrons, a Saleen, Stryker, GTR, etc., and sponsoring Rolls, Bentleys and Porsches, we will put six to ten showable Alfas in the circle. If you have a clean Alfa and want to display, contact Dan Castorani at dan castorani@yahoo.com or (941) 922-7982. Your car doesn't have to be concours, just clean, showable. Two years ago seven of the ten Alfas we entered trophied including Best in Show. Entry fee is \$50 (before Feb 1st). It may cost you a lot more if your wife accompanies you because the Circle is surrounded with high end boutiques. We usually gather at delicious Café Europe for lunch but, if you want, you can bring a picnic lunch and eat on the grass in the shade. Show runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Good weather is guaranteed. For more info visit sarasotaexoticcarfest.com. Registration form follows.

March 8-10th is the Amelia Island Concourse d'Elegance. This is the Pebble Beach of the East and South. Over 200 rare and totally restored cars, rare, antique, classic, American, foreign, racing. Have you ever seen a 1911 Frick? (There was only one made.) If you go into the auction you may see a Ferrari or Bugatti auctioned off for \$15,000, 000 or more. It may cost that much to stay at the hosting Ritz Carlton for the weekend but Polly Greene gets us reduced rates at a nearby motel. Some folks go for just Saturday or Sunday and some stay overnight. Contact point is Delmas Greene at (727) 799-1486 or alfagreene@earthlink.net. If you've never been to Amelia, you've never seen the best! Visit ameliaconcours.org.



On Saturday, April 13th, Jeff Hanson is putting together a new event for us, a ride through the rolling country in east Manatee County, out to the Rosa Fiorelli Winery for wine tasting, tour and lunch. Bon journo, bon appetite!

April 28th, "Alfas on the Lawn" at Black Bart's in East Palatka, just south of St Augustine on the St John River.

Happy New Year!

Officers for 2013 were elected at the November business meeting: President, Harmon Heed; President-Elect, Delmas Greene; Secretary/Treasurer for life, Polly Greene.

.January 5th, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche on the Trail in Sarasota.

January 10th, 6:30-8:30 PM, Business 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! Purchase tickets early so we can keep the cost down to \$12 per person. (941) 726-9723 or harmonheed@yahoo.com.

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 9th, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars, Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

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

February 16th, 7:30~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

February 23rd, Saturday, 10:00~3:00, Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on St Armands Circle in Sarasota. Four 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!

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March 8-10th, 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 South."

March 16th, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

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!

For Sale

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







Debbie Ferguson (727) 804-6244

Reduced to \$9,500

Very nice condition

Franco's Imported Cars has half dozen contemporary spiders and a restored Giulia 1300 berlina for sale. Franco specializes in Alfa Romeo repairs and these are cars he has reconditioned.





TICKETS & CAR REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2013

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - St. Armenda Circle Conceurs 10:00 cm - 4:00 pm — Display curs and judging on St. Armenda Circle		Concours Ope	n To The Public
\$50 per car registration, this form must be submitted to enter. Price increases to \$65 on Feb. 1. Register early)	\$50.00	×	
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Saturnary, Finantary 23 - Cockenils & Dinner et Micheel's On East 6:00 pm - Cockenils; 7:00 pm - Dinner	\$150.00	x	
Suresty, Fermany 24 - Road Rolly & Closing Brunch 9:30 cm - Sarasota Road Rolly (Registration required) Rolly participation is not required to attend brunch. Availability limited. 11:30 cm - 1:00 pm - Brunch at The Foundary Golf Club	\$60.00	×	
Western Package: Constitute for Friday night Jel Port Reception One car registration for Saturday Conceurs One tidat for the Saturday Dinner at Michael's On East			
One ticket for Road Raily and brunch on Sunday at The Founders Club	\$400.00	x	
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