



Alfa Notizia

May 2013

Business Meeting: next Thursday, may 9th, 7:30-8:30 PM at Jason’s Deli in the Cypress Point Center, 25801 U.S. 19, Clearwater, just south of the Enterprise intersection. Join us early for dinner, a delicious soup, salad or a big deli sandwich. Park in our reserved area, under the lights in the law office lot just north and next to the Deli’s parking lot.



But, before that, this Saturday, the 2nd Annual Alfa Romeo Florida Swap meet will be held at the Alfa Romeo, Inc. headquarters in Orlando. Tony DiMuro, ARI, has invited us back to the 500,000 square foot Chrysler warehouse that supplies Chrysler parts to the southeast US, Central and part of South America, Maserati parts to the eastern US and Alfa parts to all of the US ! Tony will provide a tour of this air conditioned, cavernous auto parts center.

Organize those parts you have wanted to get rid of for too long and make a list of those parts you “need.” They don’t have to be car parts, there will be books, tapes, posters, brochures, clothing, art, memorabilia, desk items and Alfa items you never knew existed. So be sure to bring the ladies. Some people will be trailering in. There will be plenty of floor room but the tables go on a first come, first served basis. Official hours will be 10:00 2:00.

ARI will provide coffee and pastries and the Florida and Mid Florida Alfa Clubs will provide sandwiches and soft drinks for lunch. This event is free for sellers and buyers. The warehouse is located at 10300 Boggy Creek Rd., Orlando, FL. Great event, please RSVP to either co-chair, Gladys Bernstein at glad1b@cfl.rr.com or (407) 774-7947 or Delmas Greene at (727) 799-1486 so they can plan space and food.



< Setting up last year’s swap meet in the big Chrysler conference room.

Tony DiMuro gave us a tour Of the Alfa parts rows. >



By Chrysler warehouse, points up to where the Maserati parts are kept under lock and key
Tony DiMuro, ARI's participation manager USA, shows Florida ARI members where 4000 Alfa parts are stored.

On Saturday, April 13th, the Florida Alfa Club took a winding drive out through east Manatee County for a tour of the Fiorelli Winery. Due to vacations, restorations and one pre event breakdown the gathering of Alfas was small but the trip was an intoxicating success. (I mean that figuratively.) Our lovely hostess, Heather, who was a Melanie Griffith look alike from Marin Co. CA, very near the famous California wine country, explained to us how the heat, humidity and soil limit grape varieties and growing in Florida. In the past the Muscadine was about the only wine grape that survived here but now hybrids are being developed by Florida A&M University.



The new hybrid "FAMU" grape vines.



Heather shows us the crusher



Ellis Oglesby and his lovely date, Dianna.

After a tour of the quaint winery and vinyards we all sat at a long table in the shade of a large dining area and the cuisine began with gourmet oederves prepared by the event chair, Jeff Hanson, and his wife, Rebecca. Heather served a tasty salad and Italian sandwiches and poured samples of ten wines for tasting. Yep, ten, beginning with a dry Blanc du Bois and ending with a sweet, Red Muscadine Dessert. And we kept our engraved glasses. Before leaving, the group stopped by the bottle house where most bought a bottle or two of what they tasted and liked best.

Instead of immediately on different back roads home the nearby O'Brien Family your own fruits and vegetable plump, dry blueberries in 30" berries growing hydropon- Whether you pick-em or they can't get any fresher or



splitting up and heading out the group caravanned over to Farm where you can pick tables. There was an acre of pots and a half acre of straw- ically in hanging baskets. pick-em for you, the produce tastier !

On Saturday, May 18th, Ruggero & Carla Santilli have invited us into their home in Palm Harbor for a stimulating ride in their F1 Simulator. This isn't a play station or Wi, it's a get in, adjust the seat, pick your track, Monaco, LeMans, etc., shut up and roar away into a big screen in front of you. Bring your driving skills but leave your ego at home because very few don't spin out, smack a wall or plow into another car with huzzahs from behind. It will be an after noon event with pizza and wine served, of course. Molto bello ! RSVP to Carla at (727) 934-953 or carlamagnegas@mac.com.

Florida Alfa Club Apparel Shirts & Caps

New shirts and caps have arrived. For those who placed orders, you may pick up your apparel at the swap meet this week end in Orlando or at the May business meeting, next Thursday, May 9, at Jason's Deli in Clearwater.

There are still a few "extras" available for those who did not place an order, but may wish to purchase. To reserve/purchase, please contact Polly at (727) 799-1486.

SHIRTS:

2 @ Medium Short Sleeve Button Down in Stone/Tan, \$35 @.

2 @ Large Short Sleeve Button Down in Stone/Tan, \$35 @.

1 @ Extra Large Short Sleeve Button Down in Stone/Tan, \$35.

2 @ Large Polo in Red, \$25 @.

2 @ Medium T-Shirts in Ash/Gray, \$15 @.

1 Medium T-Shirt in Red, \$15.

1 Large T-Shirt in Red, \$15.

2 @ Medium T-Shirts in Yellow/Gold, \$15 @.

HATS:

6 @ in Stone/Tan, \$15 @.

5 @ in Black, \$15 @.



Lessons learned in restoration &/or makeover:

Frank Mann, patience, lots of patience with your painter (s).

Barry Andress, "I have learned I will never do a restoration again." Barry has some words about parts suppliers. "I needed flywheel sensors for my '83 spider. IAP's price, \$107 @. I emailed Alfa Spare Hunters. When they *finally* got back to me their price was 240 euros + shipping. I got the parts locally for \$90 @ from All Imported Car Parts in Holiday. They came from a wholesale warehouse in Tampa which does not sell to the public, only to shops."

Thanks Barry, we need more info input like this !

Delmas Greene, install new motor mounts before the engine goes back in.

Harmon Heed, syncros for 101, series I trannies are no longer available. Alfa Parts Exchange (APE) in California can rebuild with moly synchros or provide a used series II for rebuild.

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May 4th, Saturday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, 2nd Annual Florida Swap Meet at Alfa Romeo, Inc. HQ in Orlando. Sell your junk and buy treasures cheap or visa versa.

May 5th, Sunday, 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM, Festivals of *Speed*, Mission Inn, Orlando.

May 9th, 7:30-8:30, Business Meeting and dinner at Jason's Deli. Come early and eat heartily.

May 11th, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

May 18th, 7:30-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St. Pete.

May 18th, 12:00-3:00, afternoon driving the racing simulator at the Santilli's home in Palm Harbor. Vino, pizza and helmets will be served.

June 1st, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

June 8th, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

June 13th, 7:30-8:30 PM, Business Meeting. We start and end on time !

June 15th, 7:30-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St. Pete.

July 4th, Thursday, 10:00 AM, Independence Day Parade in quaint Safety Harbor.

July 6th, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee, Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

July 8-12th, National Convention, Sonoma, CA. Go to alfacalifornia.com.

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MOTORSPORTS GATHERING & LUXURY LIFESTYLE DISPLAY

Mission Inn Resort & Club's Las Colinas Fairway
Northwest Orlando, Florida
Sunday, May 5th 10:00 am-4:00pm

Our host hotel is the award winning, Mission Inn Resort & Club.

Located just 30 minutes northwest of Orlando, it is a setting adorned with Spanish architecture, spring fed lakes and historic oaks.

This 1000 acre resort welcomes guests from around the globe with the grace and hospitality of a plush private estate. While the car enthusiast in the family enjoys the "Rolling Sculptures" on display, others can enjoy the spa, tennis, golf, skeet shooting, boating, fine dining and other amenities.

Photo Courtesy: Mission Inn Resort & Club's Las Colinas Fairway



If you have participated in a "Festivals of *Speed*" before, as many FAC members have, and you want to put your car on the grass at the Mission Inn in Orlando the day after the swap meet, contact Lyndsay Edelstein at (305) 814-2367 or lyndsay@festivalsofspeed.com and she will offer you complimentary registration for your Alfa which includes Festivals of Speed entry for you and a guest, FOS duffle bag and entry for your vehicle in judging. Registration is normally \$50 and spectator entrance \$10. Go to the swap meet on Saturday, stay over in Orlando and show at Festivals of *Speed* on Sunday, both events for free !





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Fourth of July Parade

July 4th 10AM—Main St

All Car Clubs Invited

Followed by Lunch

At

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155 5th Ave North

Further information: www.tbahc.com