



# Alfa Notizia

# June 2013

**Business Meeting:** Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:30 PM at Jason's Deli in the Cypress Point Center, 25801 U.S. 19, Clearwater, just south of Enterprise. Come early and enjoy a delicious soup, salad or deli sandwich. Park in our reserved area, under the lights in the law office lot just north of Jason's. There will be **NO** business meetings in July or August.

On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Ruggero & Carla Santilli hosted the club in their home in



1 Ruggero shows John & Cheryl Picot the SimCar setup and system

Palm Harbor for stimulating rides in their Sim Racer 4000 Home Racing Simulator. "Get a glass of wine, sit down, shut up and hit the gas !" The ladies shut up and took the day with Cheryl Picot winning a Vintage Motorsport T-shirt for "Fastest Driver," clocking 143 mph. John Rady became an honorary auxiliary member of the PRDA (Polish Racing Drivers of America, founded by CanAm McLaren driver and raconteur, Oscar Koveleski) for flipping an Audi more times than Norm Sippel did. And John wasn't fueled by some of the Santilli's fine wine.

If you're looking for some excitement during the humid summer months here in Florida, consider getting a racing simulator. You don't have to get a chassis, seat, speakers and big flat screen like the Santillis have, you can get a program with a wheel that sets up in front of your computer. Norm Sippel did. Shortly after driving computerized Sebring at the Santillis (he actually did better on the real track in his Maserati) he bought a simulator and set the wheel up in front of his big screen computer monitor. There are many models for sale on the internet. If you want ideas/advice on what to buy email Norm at [alfaowner@sprynet.com](mailto:alfaowner@sprynet.com). Don't expect an immediate answer, Norm might be busy lapping Monaco or Nurburgring.



2 Carla Santilli backseats for Peggy Mann at Road Atlanta.

Unfortunately, there are no club events this month. The few members that spend the time to create and organize the events are all busy. It doesn't take much time to organize one event but to do three or four a year as some have can be time consuming. If you have any ideas for an event and would like to volunteer a little time and effort to organize one, please let me know. [harmonheed@yahoo.com](mailto:harmonheed@yahoo.com) or (941) 726-9723.

Because of no club events I have included the following non-Alfa letter and attached a flyer from one of our newer members, Joe Kane, who is an avid harmonizer. (So is my wife.)

On Saturday June 29, at 3pm and 7pm, THREE world-class vocal ensembles will appear on stage at the USF Music School Concert Hall in Tampa. For fans of vocal excellence, this show is NOT to be missed. It will make American Idol/The Voice, etc., sound like caterwauling by comparison. (I am not exaggerating!)

The show will feature the current international champions of this American vocal style, ironically a hip young quartet from Sweden called Ringmasters. They are an avant garde ensemble that sings in jazz-influenced and reinterpreted pop styles too, and worth the \$25 price of admission by themselves. Excluding competitions, this is their 2nd-ever trip to the US - who knows if and when they will ever come again to Tampa Bay?

Also appearing is an international medalist quartet from the Orlando area, Main Street, who feature two former individual international champions and who sing in a very traditional style - making for a wonderful counterpoint to Ringmasters.

Finally, just added to the show (too late to make the attached poster ) is a quartet called Throwback, who in 2012 placed 6th in the world, in their first competition. Its members hail from Florida, Pennsylvania, and now England(!), and its repertoire is nearer the center of the style's continuum, between the other 2 ensembles.

This show is being sponsored by one of the choral groups I sing with, the Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony. The Heralds will sing too, but the best reasons to see the show are the guest performers. To have one such group on a local show is certainly worth seeing (and hearing), to have two is a rare and phenomenal experience, and to have THREE world-class ensembles on one show in this area isunprecedented!

Please feel free to forward this email and the flyer to any vocal music lover that might enjoy the show - and they will! Ordering information is on the attached flyer (in pdf), or interested persons can contact me at:

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Next month kicks off with a 4<sup>th</sup> of July car parade in scenic Safety Harbor, put on by the Tampa Bay Austin Healy Club. The parade goes down the picturesque, old town, Main Street. Shine up your car and get your flags out ! After the parade lunch is at *Woodstock on 5<sup>th</sup>* where "entertainment is like it used to be." You can wear your hippie clothes, sing, dance, play guitar, just like back in the 60s. Drugs, flag burning and topless will not be allowed but bald instead of long hair will. For info and reservations contact sponsoring FAC member, Dennis Magee, at [dimagee119@verizon.net](mailto:dimagee119@verizon.net) or go to [www.tbahc.com](http://www.tbahc.com).

July 8-12, is the AROC National Convention way out in the wine country of northern California. Nine FAC members will be attending and two, my wife and I, will be driving out. That's what "Abby's" for, to drive, and we'll drive her at least 8,000+ miles zig- zagging our way across this great, wide nation and back, stopping to visit family and friends along the way. I wish Abby had a staff we could fly our national and state flags from !

For info on the convention go to [alfacalifornia.com](http://alfacalifornia.com).

Because of many active members being at the convention, the summer sizzle and vacations, there will be **no** business meetings held in July or August.

## 2013

Anthony Gemmellaro, FAC member and Service Advisor at Ferrari of Tampa Bay, informed us that their Cars & Coffee have been put on hold during the summer months.

**June 13th**, 7:30-8:30 PM, Business Meeting. Last BS meeting of the Summer. Hopefully Norm Sippel will be able to bring his new SimRacer.

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

**July 6<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

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

**July 8-12th**, National Convention, Sonoma, CA. Go to [www.alfacalifornia.com](http://www.alfacalifornia.com) for info.

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

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

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

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-8:30 PM, Business Meeting at Jason's Deeliscious Deli

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, Beach Party at Ft DeSoto. Woody Alfas ?

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Saturday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, *Viva Alfa Romeo*, Celebration, FL.

## Parts To Buy

Rich, Max and Andrew Banks at Alfaholics carry quality Alfa parts for many models and years of Alfas and manufacture what they can't find for restorers, racers and daily drivers. But, since Alfaholics is located in England, shipping can be expensive. So Frank Mann is putting together a pooled order to cut down on shipping. He now has orders from six FAC members and is about to place a consolidated order with Alfaholics. If you want to get in on this money saving buy, take a look at Alfaholics extensive inventory at [www.alfaholics.com](http://www.alfaholics.com) and contact Frank soon at (727) 254-9723 or [fmann1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fmann1@tampabay.rr.com).

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## Alfa Car Projects

Bill Kelly 54 1900: slowly but surely.;

Delmas Greene's 56 spider: still needs to finish putting in the new red interior and hopes to have it ready for *Viva Alfa Romeo at Celebration* on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Tom Hill's 60 spider: engine is done, new brake shoes and Koni shocks being installed.

Harmon Heed's 64 spider: engine & tranny rebuilt, it's back at Franco's for 500 mile head torquing and timing chain tensioning, will get 3-point seatbelts before Convention.

Barry Andress 72 GTV: he's till sorting all the bolts.

John Picot 73 GTV: blasted, sealed, ready for final body work, paint and then headliner.



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