



# Alfa Notizia October 2013

Gentlemen, start your engines and let the season begin ! (Did you know the words, "Gentlemen, start your engines," were never announced at Indy ?)

**Business Meeting:** This Thursday, will be held at the Greene's home, near Jason's Deli. If you wish to join us for dinner, which will be served at 6:30 PM, please let Polly know so she can prepare ample food. [pollyhgreene@yahoo.com](mailto:pollyhgreene@yahoo.com). Cost per person will be \$5.00. The meeting will be 7:30-8:30 PM and will include nominations of officers for 2014. Before and after the meeting you can look at Delmas' collection of Alfas including two Montreals and the Giulietta spider he is restoring. Their address is 1410 Pineapple Lane, Clearwater, 33759. For directions &/or RSVP contact Delmas at [alfagreene@yahoo.com](mailto:alfagreene@yahoo.com).

As usual, our season begins with the Annual Ft DeSoto beach bash: Sunday, October 13, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Bring your bathing suits and take a dip or just stroll hand in hand along the sand. This beach was rated #1 in the nation in 2005. Bring your lunch and drinks, Jeff Hanson will have the barbecue set up for cooking. There are two historic forts to explore. Both were surveyed by LTC Robert E. Lee in 1849 and built in 1889-1906. Ft DeSoto is on Mullet Key, where the party will be held. You can catch a ferry to visit Ft. Dade on Egmont Key. Flyer and directions are attached. There is a \$5.00 entrance fee to the park. For more info and to RSVP contact Jeff Hanson at [jshvt@yahoo.com](mailto:jshvt@yahoo.com), (941) 981-3489. Ft DeSoto Beach is a county park and not affected by federal shutdown.



Egmont Key Lighthouse is still an active lighthouse

Last month a group gathered at Dave Wilson's house in St Pete for a "barn find" foray. Dave has a collection of 18 Alfas in various states of repair, including six Duettos, two Giulia Supers, a Giulia TI, a Giulia sprint, a Giulia spider, three 1982 spiders, an 87 Quad, a Masie Biturbo, a Giulia Super body and front clip and two GTV front clips, plus racks and stacks of wheels, hoods, windshields and boxes of smaller parts. Although nothing was purchased there was discussion about the TI. We'll try to arrange another visit on a weekend soon and see what Dave really wants to sell.



Next month, November 2, Saturday, will be the largest annual gathering of Alfa Romeos in Florida. *Viva Ala Romeo* is put on by the Mid-Florida AROC, always the first weekend in November. It begins with a dinner in Orlando Friday night, the display of our cars on Market Street in quaint Celebration (right next to Disney World) from 10:00-3:30 Saturday, awards and parade thereafter and a dinner in nearby Kissimmee after that. The Middies have arranged special rates for us at the Comfort Suites Maingate East in Kissimmee. This is not a concours event so wash your driver, park it on the brick street, meet new friends and swap info with other like car owners ! Registration is only \$20 till October 19<sup>th</sup> and well worth it. Info and registration form are attached. For more details contact Barry Mann at (407) 657-4477, [bmenn@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bmenn@cfl.rr.com).

The club annual Christmas dinner will be held at our *Alfanos* in Largo on December 7, Saturday, 6:30-9:30. Polly Greene puts on a very special celebration for us, including a gift for everyone, and needs your RSVPs early so she can plan. So, please join us and please RSVP to Polly as soon as possible: [pollyhgreene@yahoo.com](mailto:pollyhgreene@yahoo.com).

On January 12, Sunday, we'll do the always popular polo match at the Sarasota polo club. Have you ever had four tons of thoroughbred horses thundering down on you ?

Alfas lined up by our tent at Sarasota Polo Club, February 2012 ->



## *Restoration/Repairs*

Delmas Greene's 1956 Giulietta spider normale: the mechanics, body work, interior and "bonnet" installation are done. He just took it off the stands and rolled it out into the sunshine for the first time in six months. He hopes to drive it to Ft DeSoto !

Tom Hill's 60 Giulietta spider normale runs well with the Franco engine rebuild. Tom just had Perelli Cinterados installed; he's keeping everything as per original. We will see it at Ft DeSoto. At his home down in Cape Haze he parks the spider between two Sunbeam Alpine roadsters he also owns.

Gary Jones recently squirmed the new headers into his 64 Giulia spider veloce. He diligently refabricated the delicate idle adjustment control. Not many of those are operable !

After a Franco engine & tranny rebuild and 11,000 miles cross country and back the Heed's 64 spider abnormale will go back to Franco for engine & tranny leak stoppage. Harmon is also looking to replace the Subaru seats he's sat in for 25 years so, if anyone knows of a pair of Alfasud seats that are available, call him at (941) 726-9723.

Barry Andress' recently painted 72 GTV (it took a year and three shops to get the paint right) sustained a ding in the roof while installing the new headliner. Barry's considering having the whole top repainted. He's also almost considering selling the car as is

John Picot's 73 GTV has its doors back on and is ready for another paint shop to repaint it's recent Rosso Amaretto paint job. What's with the paint shops ? We'd like to see it at Celebration.

Any one doing any major work on a Giulia Super or TI, GTV6, newer spider or 164 ?



Tom Hill's gull gray Giulietta spider on Gasparilla Island near Cape haze.



Out in the sunshine and running with the help of Johns Picot and Rady.



Palomas, MX. Those are mufflers for sale hanging on the telephone pole.

# 2013/2014

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-8:30 PM, Business Meeting at the Greene residence, 1410 Pineapple Lane, Clearwater, 93759. Time to nominate officers for 2014. Dinner will be served at 6:30; if you're joining us for dinner please RSVP to [pollyhgreene@yahoo.com](mailto:pollyhgreene@yahoo.com).

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Beach Bash at Ft DeSoto Beach. Walk on the beach, swim in the Gulf, tour old forts, visit friends, barbecue your lunch on prepared pits, share car info. RSVP to Jeff Hanson at [jshvt@yahoo.com](mailto:jshvt@yahoo.com).

**October 19<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday**, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, *Viva Alfa Romeo* at Celebration (Disney World).

Join the largest annual gathering of Alfas in Florida ! Dinner Friday night, park on the brick street Saturday with 65 other Alfas. RSVP to Barry at [bmann@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bmann@cfl.rr.com), (407) 657-4477.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Winter Park Concours.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**, Business Meeting, 7:30 – 8:30. Since the Greenses will be out of town let's have a wild party at their house and drive Delmas' cars like in Risky Business !

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 – 10:00, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

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

**December 7<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30 – 9:30 PM, Christmas Party at **Alfanos** in Largo. Meet fellow FACs in a cordial, evening atmosphere and enjoy a great meal with them, with all of us !

**No Business Meeting** in December.

**January 4<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche, on the Trail in Sarasota.

**January 9<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-8:30 PM, Business Meeting. Location to be announced.

**January 12**, Sunday, Polo Match at Sarasota Polo Club. "The Sport of Kings."

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee, Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**, Business Meeting, 7:30-8:30.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee, duPont Registry, St Pete.

**February 21-23<sup>rd</sup>**, Fri-Sun, Sarasota Exotic Car Fest. This distinguished venue is being expanded off of St Armands Circle onto the artsy streets of "downtown" Sarasota. We will still be located near the other Italian marques.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**, 8:00-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

**March 7-9**, Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Go to [ameliaconcours.org/event-schedule](http://ameliaconcours.org/event-schedule) to see major changes in this major southern auto event held in Florida.

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-8:30 PM, Business Meeting.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

**April ?**, Winery or old train trip?

# FLORIDA ALFA CLUB

*Begin the Season*



*at one of the most  
beautiful beaches  
in all of America,  
Ft DeSoto Beach!*

*Sunday, October 13th,  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
just west of the  
Sunshine Skyway Bridge.*



**Shady Shelter #3 is reserved. The barbecue pits will be lit. We line our Alfas up in the parking area in front; "Judging" will be "Spectator's Choice" by women only.**

**RSVP to Jeff Hanson, (941) 981-3489  
jshvt@yahoo.com**





Lunch time on Market Street in Celebration, FL.  
Over 65 Alfas & Fiats are parked on the bricks.



The Radys and Guynns with 2012 *Viva* trophies  
The Radys brought a Milano, the Guynns a 164.



**MID FLORIDA ALFA ROMEO OWNERS  
CLUB, INC.**

Dear Auto Enthusiast:

*Viva Alfa Romeo Car Show 2013* is the eleventh of Mid Florida AROC's annual Viva Alfa Romeo Car Show and Parade.

This gala event, scheduled for November 2nd, is strictly for Alfa Romeo & Fiat automobiles of every year and model.

The purpose of the event is to strengthen the bonds of fellowship among all participating Alfistis and Fiatists, to recognize those who have striven to maintain autos of rare design or condition and to provide a venue where we may display the virtues of our autos to the general public.

The site we have chosen is Market Street, in the heart of downtown Celebration, Florida. The town has agreed to cordon off the main block of this beautiful busy street as our show site. The town of Celebration has been highly publicized and draws visitors from around the world. The location is ideal for attracting a large number of spectators during the entire time of the exhibition. Following the show period, our cars will be driven along a parade route through Celebration. We look forward to a great time together.

Those who participate by exhibiting their Alfa Romeos during the show will receive a welcome bag of memorabilia and will be eligible for awards based on judging.

**For further information, contact:**

Barry Mann

Event Chairman

5530 S. Lake Burkett Lane

Winter Park, FL 32792

407-657-4477

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225 S. Shadowbay Blvd.

Longwood, FL 32779

(407) 774-7947

E-Mail: [alfahoe@cfl.rr.com](mailto:alfahoe@cfl.rr.com)

**Directions to Celebration Show Site:**

From north: I-4 W to exit #64 to U.S. 192 east (Kissimmee/Celebration). Turn right on Celebration Avenue to Market St.

From the east and south: I-95 to Beeline (Toll 528 W) exit onto S.R. 417 S. Take exit 2 toward U.S. 192 east. Take ramp to Celebration. Turn left on Celebration Avenue to Market Street.

From the west: I-4 E to exit 62, toward S.R. 417 N. Merge onto S.R. 417 via exit #24 E. Take exit #2 toward U.S. 192 E (Celebration). Turn right on Celebration Avenue to Market Street.

From northwest: Florida Turnpike south to exit #289. Follow U.S. 27 south and merge onto U.S. 192 east. Turn right on Celebration Avenue to Market Street.

**Schedule of events:**

Friday Evening, Nov. 1, 2013 - 7:00 PM

Group Dinner in private room -

Ming Court

9188 International Drive,

Orlando, FL 32819

Saturday Nov. 2, 2013

*Viva Alfa Romeo Show*

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM Parking

10:00AM to 3:30 PM Display

3:00 PM to 3:30 PM Awards

3:30 PM to 4:00 PM Parade through

Celebration

5:00PM Group Dinner in private room -

Olive Garden

5021 W. Irlo Bronson Highway

Kissimmee, FL 34746

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2775 Florida Plaza Blvd.

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***Viva Alfa Romeo***  
**Car Show 2013 in Celebration, FL**  
**Saturday, November 2, 2013**

**EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

(Your signature confirms you are in agreement with the terms on the reverse side)

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

1. YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

2. YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

3. YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION**

Up to October 19th, Pre-Registered Vehicle - \$20.00  
(additional vehicles may be entered at no additional charge)

Please Note Late Registration Fee:  
Registration after October 19th - \$25.00

Please make check or money order payable to Mid Florida AROC, Inc.

**Reservations for Friday night dinner: Number attending \_\_\_\_\_, Will not attend \_\_\_\_\_**

**Reservations for Saturday night dinner: Number attending \_\_\_\_\_, Will not attend \_\_\_\_\_**

Please mail registration form with check to:

Norman Burnstine, Treasurer

102 Cambridge Drive

Longwood, FL 32779

**SHOW HOURS: Parking for display 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

**Display Hours 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Parade through Celebration 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM**



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