

Alfa Notizia November 2013

Business Meeting: This Thursday, November 14th, 7:30-8:30 PM. We start and end on time but come early and enjoy good deli food with us. Jason’s allegiance has been spotty but we haven’t been able to find another place with a private room, reserved parking area and a wide selection of delicious, deli food at a moderate price. (Everything they serve is free of artificial trans fats and MSG.) Plus the free soft ice cream in three flavors ! The address is: 25801 U.S. Hwy 19 #110, Clearwater, FL 33763, in the Cypress Pointe Center, Clearwater, just south of Enterprise.

The main topic of the evening will be election of officers for 2014. Nominations are:
 President, Delmas Greene. President Elect, Frank Mann. Secretary/Treasurer, Polly Greene.
 Directors, Barry Andress, John Picot and John Rady.

Write-in nominations are welcome. You can vote at the meeting or by email to harmonheed@yahoo.com.

The season opening beach party at Ft DeSoto Beach on October 13th was fun in the Sun & Shade. Jeff Hanson lined the cars up in the parking area, had the tables and benches cleaned up under the spacious picnic shelter and the barbeque fires burning for us. We have some gourmet cooks in our club ! The ladies did the “Spectator’s Choice” judging and Jeff handed out medals to the winners. The 1st Place Medal and a bottle of Prosecco (Italian sparkling wine/champagne) went to Polly Greene for her LeMans Blue 1973 Montreal. 2nd Place went to Harmon Heed for his blond, 1964 spider abbynormale. Two special prizes were awarded. One to Milton Watts for his sparkling Italian Aprilia motorcycle and the other to a couple from San Jose who were vacationing in Florida, saw the event mentioned on our website and welcomely crashed the party. Fortunately/Unfortunately they didn’t drive their spider.



Polly Green’s pretty LeMans Blue Montreal was Spectator’s Choice.



Beach party winners, Milt, Delmas & Polly, man from California and Harmon



Sue Prancevic’s ravishing red 1976 spider

We had some folks begin their new memberships with us at Ft DeSoto. Bob Scott brought his very clean 1984 spider he recently purchased from ex-FAC member Carlton. Bob & Sue Prancevic brought her ravishing red 1974 spider. David Durbak brought his delightful daughter, Kira, but wasn’t able to bring his 84 spider due to road damage. And Peter DiMatteo from the Southwest Florida AROC drove all the way up from Ft Myers in his new Ovlov spider ?

Viva Alfa Romeo at Celebration on November 2nd was a celebration of red spiders. Forty of them from orange to fire engine to magenta to purplish hues and all in the rainbow of original Alfa Romeo reds. Barry Andress' 83 was included as was new FAC member John Nessel's nice 1991. To brighten the bricks even more Dan & Ruth Karolyshyn drove their ivory spider up from Ft Myers on the southwest coast and took home a trophy. Jim Knaup drove his Pacific Blue spider up from Hillsboro on the southeast coast. The most unique car in the group of over 60 Alfas was Andres Martinez' metallic British Racing Green 1974 GTV that he drove up from Biscayne Bay. The 210 hp, 1991 2000cc Milano twinspark engine, built by European Engineering, has twin Weber 45 DCOE carbs, distributionless Magnetti-Marelli WCU controlled ignition, stainless steel headers and everything in it has been completely blueprinted, lightened and balanced. It not only goes fast but is gorgeous even without *any* chrome on the exterior. The body was restored and painted, including bumpers, grill, black door handles and roof and window trim, "The Creative Workshop" in Dania. Andres is a professional artist who does not like chrome. The beautiful, beige interior, with Recaro seats, was done by Carol's Upholstery.



New FAC member John Nessel happy as a kid with his new 1991 spider



Sixty Alfas line both sides of Market Street in quaint Celebration for Viva Alf Romeo.



Jeanette & Eric Ekh trophied with their rare, legal and lovely 156 berlina.

There were two other very unique Alfa's there, 156 berlina's that are not legal in the US. Well, almost. One is owned by Eric Ekh of St Augustine. He wanted a 156, found a 2001 model that had been salvaged but legally registered in Massachusetts, bought it and took five years to restore it, flying in parts from Europe. (Eric is a professional pilot.) Look for an article about it in *Alfa Owner* early next year. The second one, a 1998 model, is owned by Rick Levecchio of RML Automotive in Daytona. He keeps this original car with its 4 cylinder, 2 liter, twin spark engine registered with dealer plates he has to renew every year. RML does Alfa restorations and provides performance ignition systems for all Alfas. Rick is the Alfa guru for east Florida. His website is RMLALFA@.com. Thank you "Middies" for putting on such a colorful event !

Our next event will be our Christmas dinner held Saturday evening, December 7th, at our "*Alfanos*" at 1702 Clearwater Largo Road, Clearwater. Polly Greene puts this party together with love and Christmas cheer. It is a warm, social event where women can get dressed up and the men can comfortably wear ties, if they want to. Nomex and tuxedos would be out of place. Car talk is allowed but not encouraged. Hor's d'oeuvres, dinner, desert and coffee are \$43 per person. A menu and reservation form are attached. If you are considering attending, please rsvp quickly and make Polly's efforts easier. pollyhgreen@yahoo.com.

January 12th, Sunday, "*The Sport of Kings*" at the Sarasota Polo Club. If you've never been to a polo match you're missing something and here's your chance to see one. Ten, sleek thoroughbreds, each weighing 1,000 lbs. apiece, galloping around on a football field, chasing a little 3" ball so the player can wallop it with 4' long mallets. We'll have a tent for food and shade. Bleachers for cheering. And, at halftime, we drive our Alfas around the perimeter of the field for the cheering of the spectators as we are individually announced from the press box. Tickets are only \$15 per person. Get your reservations in early to the event chair, Bob Scott, at rscott1697@aol.com, (817) 313-2945. More information and directions will be to you next month but please make your reservations early.

On January 25th, Saturday, the Southwest Florida AROC (SWFLs) has arranged a tour of the magnificent Collier Automotive Museum in Naples. This is a “you have to see it to believe it” collection of cars. Many come from the Briggs Cunningham collection which Collier bought en toto. I’ve seen it and still have a hard time believing it. There are a couple of Alfas there that are beyond my words. The Collier family, which the county is named after, had/has immense wealth. They were significant in introducing sports car racing in America, established the Watkins Glen track and the American Grand Prix, raced the first Ferrari in America and one of the Collier boys was killed in it at Watkins Glen. That Ferrari has been restored and is part of the museum. There are ten craftsmen working in the restoration shop of this private collection. Bob Lombardo, the SWFLAROC pres is hoping to have 20 tickets available to FAC members. They are only \$15 each. The FAC point of contact is Frank Mann, fmann1@tampabay.rr.com, (727) 264-9723. The Museum’s website is revsinstitute.org. If your computer’s processor isn’t fast, give it time to open/download the extensive site.

As soon as Bob provides a final on tickets I’ll send out an **Alfa Owner** article I wrote about the museum when I visited it two years ago, thanks to the invitation of the South and Southwest Florida AROCS in 2011.

February 22nd, Saturday, The Sarasota Exotic Car Fest. This prestigious and primarily Italian car event has always been held on exclusive St Armands Circle and we have always done well there showing and trophying. Next year it is expanding to touristy downtown Sarasota where there will be room for more cars, spectators, parking and porta potties. We will have our own area, vic the Ferraris and Lambos, and can expand to fifteen cars. If you have a rare, restored or very presentable Alfa you would like to show, contact event chair, Gary Jones, at garforth54@gmail.com, (941) 320-7761. Registration will be held at \$50 till the end of January, \$65 after. The event’s website is sarasotaexoticcarfest.com. More details will come in the next two *Notizias*.

March 7-9, Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance, the Pebble Beach of the south, here in Florida, just south of Jacksonville. If you’ve never been to Pebble or Amelia, put this weekend on your calendar ! Some FAC members may still have access to affordable rooms/suites by the Ritz Carlton golf course where the event is held on the 17th fairway. If you’ve never done it, put it on your bucket list and do it! Event chair is Delmas Greene at alfagreene@yahoo.com, (727) 439-2019.

April event has not yet solidified, we may have two. Barry Andress has volunteered to chair a gathering at **Festivals of Speed** at the Vinoy in St Pete on Saturday, April 6th. If you want to participate contact Barry at barryboya@earthlink.com. If we get at least half a dozen entrants Barry might get us free registration like he did three years ago. Jeff Hanson likes to take us on winery tours and last April hosted a tour of the Fiorelli Winery in rural, East Manatee County. Anybody have any other winery suggestions in southwest Florida ? Jeff can be contacted at jshvt@yahoo.com.

First weekend in May, the annual swap meet at Alfa Romeo, Inc. warehouse in Orlando, FL, co-sponsored with the Mid-Florida AROC. Start getting your junk and valuable parts ready to sell ! We are given a tour of the 500,000 square foot warehouse Alfa Romeo share with Chrysler and Maserati.

Notizia doesn’t carry Alfa news covered by automotive magazines because it’s provided monthly in the AROC newsletter. If you’re not receiving the monthly AROC newsletter then here’s what to do. Add or update your email address at aroc-usa.org on the member info page. You may need to list Alfa.Romeo.Owners.Club@aroc.org as an acceptable recipient in your email file. Or send a copy of your email address or update to admin@aroc-usa.org. Only 1/3 of AROC members are receiving the monthly AROC newsletter with up to date Alfa Romeo news and links because only 1/3 have provided AROC-USA with a proper/updated email address. Are you part of the 2/3 that are missing out ?

Happy Thanksgiving !

2013/2014

November 14th, Business Meeting, 7:30 – 8:30 PM, Jason’s Deli on Hwy 19 in Clearwater. Come early and have a delicious, wholesome meal with us. Park with the Alfas in the law office lot just south of Jason’s entrance. **November 16th**, 7:30 – 10:00, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

December 7th, 8:00 – 10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

December 7th, 6:30 – 9:30 PM, Christmas Party at **Alfano’s** in Clearwater. Meet fellow FACs in a cordial, evening atmosphere and enjoy a great meal with them, with all of us ! Contact Polly Greene at pollyhgreene@yahoo.com.

No Business Meeting in December.

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

January 9th, 7:30-8:30 PM, Business Meeting at Jason’s delicious Deli. Free soft ice cream desert !

January 12, Sunday, Polo Match at Sarasota Polo Club. **“The Sport of Kings.”** Thundering thoroughbreds and a parade of Alfas. Reserve tickets with Bob Scott at rscott1697@aol.com.

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

January 25th, Saturday, the Collier Museum/Revs Institute in Naples, the most magnificent auto museum in the South. You have to see it to believe it. Contact is Frank Mann, fmann1@tampabay.rr.com.

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

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

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

February 21-23rd, Fri-Sun, Sarasota Exotic Car Fest. This distinguished venue is being expanded off of exclusive St Armands Circle onto the artsy streets of “downtown” Sarasota. We will still be located near the other Italian marques on Main Street. A great display and spectator show to attend.

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March 7-9, Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance. This is the Pebble Beach of the South, a bucket list item if you’ve never been. Go to ameliaconcours.org/event-schedule to see major changes in this major southern auto event held in Florida.

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April ?, winery tour. Contact Jeff Hanson, jshvt@yahoo.com.

Florida Alfa Club Christmas Dinner, Saturday, December 7, 2013

Florida Alfa Club Members,

Below you will find your entrée and dessert choices for the Florida Alfa Club Christmas Dinner. Please print the form provided, mark your selections and mail it to me with your check (written out to Florida Alfa Club) no later than Monday, November 25, 2013.

Thank you,

Polly Greene

1410 Pineapple Lane

Clearwater, FL 33759

727-799-1486

Chicken Parmesan

*Lightly breaded breast of chicken baked with provolone cheese,
Sauced with marinara and served with penne pasta.*

King Carlos Salmon

*Fresh filet of salmon with angel hair pasta and a creamy vodka sauce of
prosciutto, mushrooms, green onion, cream and a touch of tomato*

Veal Marsala

*Scallopini of veal sautéed with mushrooms, Marsala wine, a touch of tomato and demi glace,
served with chef's potato and vegetable*

Shrimp Scampi

*Large shrimp sautéed in garlic butter with peas and crisp bacon,
Served over linguini Pasta*

Eggplant Parmesan

Fresh eggplant baked with provolone cheese, served with penne marinara.

There will be a "Social Hour" from 6:30 to 7:30 PM with a variety of Light Hors d'oeuvres served. A cash bar will be available for those wishing alcoholic beverages.

Total cost of each meal will be \$43.00 per person. Included in this cost: Light Hors d'oeuvres, soup or salad, chosen entrée, bread, dessert, coffee or tea.

Name(s) of person(s) attending _____

Please mark with the number of each entrée and dessert chosen:

Entrée Choices

Dessert Choices

_____ Chicken Parmesan _____ King Carlos Salmon _____ NY Style Cheesecake w/Strawberry Sauce

_____ Veal Marsala _____ Shrimp Scampi _____ Tira Misu

_____ Eggplant Parmesan _____ Traditional Cannoli

Total amount enclosed: _____



Fri., Feb. 21 - Jet Port Reception



Friday, February 21, 2014

6:30 pm – [Rectrix Aerodrome - SRQ Airport](#)

There is still time to buy tickets, call Lea at 941.348.9039.

The evening is filled with exotic cars, sophisticated jets, custom built motorcycles, fashion shows, silent auction, great food, wine, and cocktails.

Sat., Feb. 22 - Downtown Sarasota Concours



Saturday, February 22, 2014

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ferraris, Rolls-Royces, Lamborghinis, Bentleys, Alfa Romeos and other Exotics on display. Open to the public. Registration required to display a car. This unique display of exotic automobiles comes to Sarasota for one day only. Call 941.724.9995 to register a car.

Sat., Feb. 22 - Casual Dinner



Saturday, February 22, 2014

Sarasota Yacht Club (business casual attire)

7:00 pm Cocktails

8:00 pm Dinner, Entertainment and more...

The festivities begin with cocktails followed by dinner, entertainment, and dancing. An intimate evening.
Business casual attire.



Sunday, February 23, 2014

9:30 am – Sarasota Road Rally ([registration required](#)). A group of like minded car enthusiasts gather for a Sunday drive. Rally start location is TBD. Rally will finish at the Founders Golf Club for brunch. You may participate in just the rally or only brunch, but the tickets are sold as one for a single price.

Sun., Feb. 23 - Closing Brunch



Sunday, February 23, 2014

Preceded by 9:30am Road Rally. Rally participation is not required to attend brunch.

11:30 am - 1:00 pm – Elegant Sunday brunch at The Founders Golf Club (Founders Club not pictured - photo from past event by Peter Tromboni).

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