



Merry Christmas

December 2013

No Business Meeting in December, instead we're having a no-business Christmas Party at our **Alfanos** Italian Restaurant at 1702 Clearwater/Largo Road, Clearwater. Mamma Clause, Polly Greene, says she has room for late reservations so, you can still rsvp to her at (727) 799-1486, pollyhgreen@yahoo.com. Tickets are \$43 and include pre-dinner hor's d'oeuvres with the no host bar, meal, desert and coffee. Attire is 'casual dinner' and some men wear suits to compliment their wives dresses. RSVP and menu are attached.

At our last business meeting, November 14th, the 2014 officers were elected: Delmas Greene, president; Frank Mann, president-elect (for 2015); secretary/treasurer, Polly Greene. The glass, Disco Volante gavel will be passed at the Christmas Party.

Our next business meeting will be held on January 9th at Jason's Deli in Clearwater. Jason's also serves low-cal, dietary meals for those who packed it on over the holidays.

Our first event in 2014 will be the polo match, **The Sport of Kings**, at the Sarasota Polo Club on January 12th, 11:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM. Bring a picnic lunch and tailgate or eat under the tent. Watch ten thoroughbreds gallop, dash and dart around the field as their riders swat at a little, white ball. Drive your Alfa in the parade around the field at halftime to cheers of the spectators. Our ticket for this regal event are only \$15 per person. Tickets for our reserved area cannot be purchased at the site. The Polo Club is easy to get to. Take I-75 to Exit 213, University Parkway. Go east 3.5 miles and turn right at Lorraine Road after the white, horse fences. Follow the Alfa signs and turn right into the Polo Club at the third road and then right to our parking area. You'll see our



flags flying. Event chair is Bob Scott; rsvp and order tickets from him at (817) 313-2945, rscott1697@aol.com. You can pay and pick up tickets at the Christmas Party, January business meeting or by mail. You cannot buy tickets at the gate.

Just two weeks later, on Saturday, January 25th, we have an opportunity to see some of the most exotic automobiles in the world at one of the world's most prestigious car museums. It is the Collier Collection at the Revs Institute in Naples, FL. Bob Lombardo, president of AROC South West Florida, (SWFLs) has arranged a private, invitation only, tour of billionaire Miles Collier's collection of Over 100 exquisitely restored, rare and historically significant autos, including some awesome Alfas. (Collier County was created in 1923 when Miles' grandfather, Barron Collier, bought 1,000,000 acres in Lee County and formed Collier County.) Bob has allocated 20 tickets for us at only \$15 @. These tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis through FAC event chair Frank Mann, (727) 254-9723, fmann1@tampabay.rr.com. Tickets can be purchased by mail, at the Christmas party, January business meeting and at the Polo Match. They will not be available at the museum. Reserve your tickets early. More info and details will be provided in the January **Notizia**.



Collier Collection 1938 8C 2900 Touting winning at Pebble Beach in 2008.



February 22nd, Saturday, another prestigious Sarasota event, the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest. Florida Alfa Club has participated and trophied very well for years in this distinguished event. In 2014 it will be moved off of St Armands Circle onto artsy, downtown Main Street. This will allow us to increase our participation from ten to fifteen Alfas. If you have a clean Alfa you would like to display, judged or non-judged, contact event chair, Gary Jones at (941) 320-7761, garforth54@gmail.com. Entrance fee will be only \$50 till January 30th.



March 7-9th is Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance at the Ritz Carlton on Amelia Island (just south of Jacksonville). This is the finest concours in the South. On Sunday it covers the entire 17th fairway of the Golf Club of Amelia Island with 200 excruciatingly restored, rare autos of every make and year but all older than 1978. On Saturday the duPont Registry "Cars & Coffee" covers the 10th and 18th fairways with "Invited cars from local clubs from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM" and it free for entrants and spectators. So, if you want to get your car "on the grass" at Amelia, contact event chair Delmas Greene at (727) 439-2019, alfagreene@yahoo.com. Also on Saturday is the RM Auction where you can watch cars auctioned off for millions of dollars. Just keep your hands down.

April 6th you will be able to get your car “on the grass” at the prestigious Vinoy in St. Pete at *Festivals of Speed*. Barry Andress is gathering a FAC group to show there, hopefully with no entrant’s fee. Even if there is a nominal fee, it’s a grand place to display and look at cars. barryboya@earthlink.net.

An April Idea: Jeff Hanson, who put together the winery tour last year and last two beach parties, wants to do another winery tour to another winery and has an idea for us to firmen in our minds. Hold the long time, season opening, October Beach Party in April before the snowbirds fly north yet still have their Alfas out. One last chance at a Florida beach for them. Hold a winery tour as the season opener in October because that’s the busy crush and bottling time at the wineries. What do you think ?

May 3rd, Saturday, the All-Florida Alfa Swap Meet at Alfa Romeo, Inc, Headquarters in Orlando. After the Holidays start dreaming about getting rid of those old parts you have had for too long and making room for new old parts that you’ve wanted to have for so long.

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. 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 ?

If you want to give your significant self or other an Alfa gift, there are many to choose from at the Alfa Store in the AROC-USA.org.

Here’s two auto-enhacing gifts John Nessel bought for his 1991 spider. These mahogany shift knob and brake handle with inserted metal Alfa emblem were crafted by Doug Mccurdy in Ontario, Canada. Doug at can be reached at alfaspider1988@hotmail.com.



Wanted

Front seats for a GTV6, preferably tan. Harmon, harmonheed@yahoo.com, (941) 726-9723.

Happy New Year 2014 !

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, (727) 799-1486. RSVP and menu follows.

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. Website is Sarasotapolo.com. Reserve tickets with Bob Scott at rscott1697@aol.com, (817) 313-2945. Tickets will not be available at the gate.

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. Website is RevsInstitute.org. Reserve tickets from Frank Mann, fmann1@tampabay.rr.com, (727)254-9723.

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

February 13th, Business Meeting, 7:30-8:30. Jason's Deli. 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. On Saturday We will still be located near the other Italian marques on Main Street. A great display and spectator show to attend. Website is sarasotaexoticcarfest.com. Go to Contact Gary Jones, garforth54@gmail.com.

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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 to see schedule, events and tickets for this major southern auto event held in Florida.

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April 6th, **Festivals of Speed** at the Vinoy in St Pete. Contact Barry Andress at barryboya@earthlink.net.

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

May 3rd, Saturday, All-Florida Alfa Swap Meet at ARI HQ in Orlando. Delmas Greene at alfagreene@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

<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Parmesan	<input type="checkbox"/> King Carlos Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> NY Style Cheesecake w/Strawberry Sauce
<input type="checkbox"/> Veal Marsala	<input type="checkbox"/> Shrimp Scampi	<input type="checkbox"/> Tira Misu
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant Parmesan		<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Cannoli

Total amount enclosed: _____



We have a rare opportunity to see some extremely rare automobiles on Saturday, January 25th. These are the masterpieces in the museum of billionaire Miles Collier's private "Collier Collection" housed at the Revs Institute in Naples, FL.

A tour of the Collection and Institute are by invitation only. Bob Lombardo, president of the AROC Southwest FL, arranged an invite for all of the Florida Alfa Romeo Owners Clubs and allocated the Florida Alfa Club twenty tickets. Price is only \$15 per person. Parking is free. The tour lasts about two hours and begins at 10:00 AM. No photographs allowed. A caravan to lunch at a colorful Italian bistro in Bonita Springs will follow.

The collection includes some awesome Alfas including a gorgeous, red 1964 GTZ and a magnificent 1938 8C 2900B Touring Berlinetta that won the Mille Miglia in 1947, the first race at Watkins Glenn in 1948 and Best of Show at Pebble beach in 2008 !



Won at Mille Miglia, the Glen and Pebble !



1964 GTZ

Florida Alfa Club's event chair is Frank Mann.

Make your reservations through him at (727) 254-9723,

fmann1@tampabay.rr.com. Order early, these tickets may not last long and will be given on a first come, first served basis. Make your checks out to AROC Southwest FL. You can mail them to Frank or give them to him at the Christmas Party, BS meeting on Jan 9th or at the Polo Match on January 12th. He needs the names and checks to Bob NLT January 15th. More info will be in the January *Notizia*.

The Revs Institute is at 2500 S. Horseshoe Dr., Naples 34104, about 3 hours south of Clearwater/Tampa off I-75; the journey will be well worth it. I made the trip three years ago and will go again this time. (That means there's only 18 tickets left.) You may consider driving down Friday evening. If enough people ask early enough, Bob will coordinate lodging.

There's still room for more at the Christmas Party next Saturday, December 5th at **Alfano's** in Clearwater. Contact Polly Greene at (727) 799-1486, pollyhgreene@yahoo.com