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Editorial Comments: This month the summer weather arrived in force with rain and flooding all across the Florida Pan Handle. Events like the 3rd Annual Alfa Parts Swap at ARI and the Annual Palm Harbor Charity Car Show held their events successfully in spite of the weather. We extend a warm welcome to all our new members this month



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for May 2014.

Car Name: Alfa Concept



Recent Events:

Alfa Swap Meet 2014:

On Saturday May 3rd, the annual Alfa Romeo Swap Meet was held. With the exception of the weather it was successful and well attended. Here is a detailed write up of the event from our roaming reporter and future 4C owner, Harmon Heed.

Come Rain or Come Shine

The 3rd Annual Florida AROC Swap Meet at Alfa Romeo, Inc. HQs was scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd. On May 1st & 2nd the Florida panhandle was deluged with tornadoes and 27" of rain in 24 hours and the storm was headed south, toward Orlando where the ARI, HQs is located. It was a very, very rainy morning but over 50 people showed up from all over the state.

Most of the "trailer-ins" were from the local Mid-Florida Club and the Florida Alfa Club which is located two hours west of Orlando on the Gulf Coast. Barry & Beth Mann, (Barry is the president of Mid-Florida AROC) had a whole table of watches, swatches, sewons and other chascus. Delmas Greene and John Picot, from the Gulf Coast loaded up the entire center section and John Rady had a table offering his award winning 1984 GTV6 Maratona. Their wives worked the reception table and set up the luncheon. Terry Rushbrook, from Jupiter on the Atlantic Coast brought three tables full of 750/101 parts. Eric & Jeanette Ekh (who own perhaps the only legally titled 156 in the States) brought a table full of electronic and interior parts down from St. Augustine. The Chrysler headquarters conference room was packed!

We all dearly missed Howard Bernstein, the Mid-Florida club founder and original instigator of the swap meet and his "Queen of Hospitality Hostess", wife, Gladys greeting us.

Some people braved the weather to socialize and look: Tom Cote-Merow from the First Coast AROC in Jacksonville; Don Roberts from Satellite Beach; Rick LeVechio of RLM in Daytona Beach; Harmon & Jo Heed and Bob Scott from Sarasota; Buddy Guynn, Dan Korolyshyn and Tony Scire up from the South West Florida AROC, three and a half hours away; Luciano Ciccarelli of Auto Veloce up from N. Miami, five hours away and the bravest of them all, Bernie Betzema down from Canada, many, many more hours away.

The ARI Swap Meet is an annual event put on jointly by the Mid-Florida and Florida Alfa Clubs. It is hosted by Tony DiMuro, ARI. The clubs provide set up and lunch and Tony provides space and coffee and donuts. Tony also cajoles the manager of the 500,000 square foot air conditioned Chrysler warehouse, Dwight, "the man that daily dances with chainsaws" to provide a tour of the Chrysler, Fiat, Maserati and Alfa parts areas. This ware house provides all Chrysler parts for the South East USA, Central America and northern South America and all Fiat, Maserati and Alfa Romeo parts to all of the Americas. The enormity and activity of it is mind boggling.

Tony also provides the only legal, Alfa "Brera" spider in the US for display. This car was imported on a five year visa for research on electronics installation. Its visa is soon up and at that time Alfa Romeo must either ship it back to Italy or "crush" it.

With wet roads Tony could not let us drive the Brera spider as he did the last two years because, as he lamented, “He must crush the spider, not us.” See the November, 2012 issue of *Alfa Owner* for a full, feature article on the swap meet and Brera spider.

Harmon Heed

Cinco de Mayo, 2014

Terry Rushbrook provided additional photos and comments of the event via this link.

https://2014alfaswapmeet.shutterfly.com/#:emid=site_addmembers&cid=SHARE3SXXXX

Mid-Fla AROC President Barry Mann with Alfa Bike



Pondering Prices at the 3rd annual swap meet. Rick LeVechio, John Picot, Eric Ekh & Bob Scott



Terry Rushbrook always bring tons of parts. Polly Greene raffling off prizes after lunch.



Coming Events:



Join the tour with the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club on June 14th, 10:30 a.m. at 400 Cleveland St. Followed by lunch at O'Keefe's Family Tavern & Grill 1219 S Fort Harrison Ave. Clearwater, FL 33756 (727) 442-9034 All Car Clubs Welcomed. RSVP Gail Lenhard at gail@glensmg.com by June 12th phone numbers: 727-452-1752 or 727-521-9890 Or you can contact Frank Mann at the Alfa Romeo Club at 727-254-9723

Up Coming Events:

May Events

Parts Swap, Saturday, May 3, at the ARI headquarters in Orlando – Contact Delmas Greene

Club Business Mtg. on May 8

DuPont Cars and Coffee on May 17, 7-9 AM

June Events

Club Business Mtg. on June 12

Tour of Capital Theater, June 14 – Contact Dennis Magee

DuPont Cars and Coffee on June 21, 7-9 AM

July and August

No meetings or events in July or August EXCEPT AROC National Convention, July 22-27

September Events

Club Business Mtg, on September 11th.

Sarasota Automotive Car Museum-Delmas/Milton Watts

October Events

Club Business Meeting on October 9th

Ft DeSoto Car Show and Picnic, Sunday October TBD

November Events

Club Business Meeting, November 13th

VIVA Alfa Car Show (Celebration) still pending

December Events

No Business Meeting in December

FAC Christmas Party, Saturday, December 6th

Cars for Sale:

1. Delson Correa – 1986 Spider for sale. Phone Number: 727-422-8769 No Photo available
2. Mike Santoro – 1961 Fiat 1200 for sale. Phone Number: 813-244-3715 msantoro2@live.com

Brief description: It is a 1961 Fiat 1200. Runs great, it actually has a Fiat 124-5 speed motor transplant which makes it great to drive on the highway (not that it wouldn't be fun anyways). Interior is excellent, body is in great shape, chrome is in great shape, the only thing wrong is that it has the transplant motor which takes away from it a little. With that said I am asking for \$20K, the high retail is over \$30k and I would say mine is not there due to the motor modification but none the less better than most.



3. Tom Donaldson has a 1960 Spider for sale. Here are the details and contact information:

Dear Members,

I am a recent arrival to southwest Florida (Venice). A few years ago, I inherited a 1960 Spider 2000 that my father rebuilt when I was a child. Unfortunately, after he passed in 1987, the car sat in my parent's garage for many years. When my mother passed, I took possession of the car, but was limited as to the manner of storage by my finances at the time. As a result, the car is in need of a lot of work to restore the body, and get the mechanics to optimum functionality. I was hoping to do the work piecemeal, but upon consultation, that is not looking possible, making the project beyond my means. As much as it pains me to do so, I need to find a more suitable home for the car. I am looking to sell it and the sizable cache of parts, as is, to anyone who makes a reasonable offer, preferably here in Florida, in order to expedite matters. I am contacting your club as a first step in this effort to see if I can get the assistance of any willing members with both determining a reasonable price of the car and parts (again: as is), and contact any interested parties.

Current State of the Car:

- Motor runs.
- There is a fair amount of rust.
- Interiors and room are in poor condition.
- Electrical, exhaust, and break systems need work.
- Tires

Some of Major parts in cache:

- 1 spare motor (block and head) assembled.
- additional engine block and engine head.
- Muffler.
- spare transmission
- Several wheels
- replacement seats.
- 1 window mechanics assembled
- 1 window pane.

Additionally, I have a lot of miscellaneous smaller parts, not cataloged.

Any help which willing members can provide in this effort to find a good home for this car, or any other advice that any members might have, in order to expedite this effort, I would appreciate it greatly. Feel free to contact me via my cell phone: [518-429-7668](tel:518-429-7668).

Sincerely,
Tom Donaldson
tcdonaldson.personal@gmail.com
[518-429-7668](tel:518-429-7668)

4. For you Zagato fans here is a special treat. Here is a 1972 Lancia Fulvia Zagato S2 for sale in Seattle Washington originally imported from Greece where it underwent a year-long restoration. Now this is the way to sell a nice car with very detailed photos and a solid history on the car. The owner says many more photos are available upon request.





Here are some details and history about the car from the owner prior to his listing it for sale. If anyone is interested please contact myself at fmann1@tampabay.rr.com or call the owner Raffi Minasian directly at raffidesign99@gmail.com.

This stunning 1972 Lancia Fulvia Sport Zagato 1.3 is finished in metallic silver with black interior. Retaining the original color from the factory. Lancia production chassis 818 650 002495 is fitted with the correct and original 1.3 series engine 818 303*074279 and 5 speed transmission. This is the S2 or Series 2 configuration.

Zagato bodied cars are rare and desirable and are seldom seen in the US in this condition. For an enthusiast who desires an Italian coach built car with a twin-cam engine This Lancia Fulvia SZ a great choice at a reasonable price.

I had originally intended to keep this car, but another car has come up that I want to purchase so this wonderful car must find a new home.

History and Ownership

Originally purchased and delivered to Italy in 1972, the car remained in Italy for nearly 35 years with the following known owners:

1972-1978 Pietro Baldassare

1978-1981 Gaspare Gulotta

1981-1983 Goffredo Forzinetti

1983-1989 Leonardo Chiarello

1989-1991 Maurizio Cocciaretto

2006-2012 Ioannis Karampelas (imported to Greece)

2012-2013 Alex Vazeos (exported to United States, WA)

Complete ownership has been verified through Italian registration. Many of these documents are included with the sale. Additionally, the car is FIVA certified and the certification comes with the car as well as other Italian and Greek documents supporting the ownership and restoration.

Restoration Details

From 2011 -2012 this Lancia was disassembled, all glass removed and repainted with a very high quality finish in the original factory color. The hood stripes were painted in satin black and are period correct but not original to this series.

The entire car was stripped, including the removal of all tar (typical of Italian cars) from the floors, sills, and fender arches both underside and on the inside passenger area. Rust inhibiting paint was applied on both sides of the replacement floors and arches.

The doors were removed and refitted, the hood was removed and prepared for paint on both sides. The entire car was treated for rust, but only small areas in the rear were found.

The rear end was removed and totally rebuilt. The passenger section floor panels were removed and replaced with factory correct floor panels from Italy (Supplied by Autoricambi, Italy).

All suspension was removed and all new rubber bushings installed. The fuel tank was removed and completely reconditioned, repainted and reinstalled. The rear axle and brakes were removed and serviced as were the old shocks (replaced with period correct, brand new Koni shocks).

While all this work was being done on the body and paint, all seals were replaced with new rubber trim (including doors, rear hatch, side glass, and rubber for the arches joints). All exterior trim and emblems were removed and re-chromed.

The front headlight assembly was treated to Perspex covers purchased from Omicron. A specially fabricated fog lamp bar was made and SIM fog lamps were installed. The engine was cleaned and carbs adjusted along with minor hose and gaskets replaced as needed.

The interior was very nicely preserved so all that was needed was to clean and prepare the car to support the restoration. New carpets were installed (the original rubber mat is retained and comes with the sale), a new wood dash panel installed (it is an original part with minor finish flaws), all instruments serviced, and updated headrests installed. New rubber pedal pads and Nardi steering wheel were also installed.

Recent History and Services

I imported this car from Greece in May 2013. It ran very well but I wanted to have a complete service performed on it before listing it for sale. As such, all mechanical systems have been gone through and the car is in excellent running condition.

Group2 Motorsports in Seattle performed roughly \$2,000.00 worth of service on the Lancia including a valve adjustment, head gasket replacement, new spark plug wires, new spark plugs, carb. cleaning and re-jetting, choke adjustments, and points. The radiator was removed and a minor leak was repaired as well as hoses replaced. Fuel lines were replaced, brakes were adjusted, and all fluids replaced.

Two weeks ago, I took the Lancia on a 120 mile round trip with several starts and stops along the way. It ran perfectly throughout the 70 degree temperature, staying consistently in the operating water temp range, oil pressure stable, shifting smoothly, and starting without hesitation when warm.

Cold starts are easily done using the under-dash manual choke and a little bit of patience while cranking.

Additional parts

Front and rear bumpers, spare glove box door, radio delete plate, original rubber floor mat, and fog lamp covers are included in the sale. Also included is a repair manual and parts book along with multiple magazine articles and reference materials, and a factory original brochure.

Summary

Title, current registration, and all documents for import are in my name with no liens or encumbrances.

Overall this is an excellent car with a near complete restoration of the body and mechanical components. The HF logos on the side are adhesive and can be easily removed if desired by the new owner. Lights, trim, and exterior pieces are very nice to excellent condition. Paint is very nice as well. The engine, though not rebuilt tests out just fine and runs smoothly.

Details of Final Sale

Buyers should be CERTAIN that they are capable of completing this purchase when they are bidding. The first bid is the reserve so you are buying the car when you bid. I am available to ask questions as well as show the car in person (the car and I are both in Seattle area, on Bainbridge Island).

I will assist with shipping arrangements either domestically or internationally. I will also store the car (if needed) in my garage for up to 30 days while waiting for shipping. However a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of 10% of the sale price is due to me within 48 hours of close of the auction

Note from the Editor: This is an area of the newsletter we would like to expand to include detailed vehicle descriptions and High Quality photos of member's cars for sale within our region or beyond. From time to time we will also include Alfas for sale that were spotted that we feel would be of interest to our members either to purchase or simply comment on. Coming soon will also be a Focus area dedicated to our Members personal cars either fully restored or till in restoration. Send us your photos.

Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area

This month's Focus:

Please submit a shop you would recommend for inclusion next month!

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