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Editorial Comments: As 2015 begins we have never been busier with events scheduled every month many of which are highlighted below. We welcome our new members and old friends and encourage you to participate in an event close to you and help us make the Florida Alfa Club the best it can be.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for January 2015.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo 8C Monza



Up Coming Events:

Alfa Romeo 4c Launch-Reception in Winter Haven



The Winter Haven Alfa Romeo Dealership has invited the Florida Alfa Club members to their official "kick Off" reception for the new Alfa Romeo 4c on Thursday evening, January 22, 2015, from 4:30-6:30 PM. They would like as many Club members and their "Vintage" Alfas as possible to show up for the celebration. Winter Haven is approximately 1½ hour drive from Clearwater and we need to be at the dealership no later than 4:30PM. The address is:

Winter Haven Alfa Romeo/Fiat

190 Ave. K, South West

Winter Haven, FL 33880

Phone: 863-595-3135

Hope you can participate! We would like to show them how great our Club support can be. Please let me know by January 8, 2015, if you can join us.

Delmas and Polly Greene

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Upcoming Event: Sarasota Polo Match & Car Show

Alfa Romeo

Florida Alfa Club

Annual Polo Match and Tailgate Meet

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

175 exit 213 then east on University to Lorraine road.
Turn right to second gate. Follow signs.

**GATES OPEN AT 11:00AM. MATCHES START AT 1:00PM.
BRING YOUR LUNCH, DRINKS AND SHARED GOODIES**



COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON

Email or call Bob Scott for reservations or information
(817) 313 2945 rlscott007@gmail.com

Join us for the next Sarasota Polo Match, Sunday January 25, 2015, and bring out your cars, picnic baskets, your favorite beverages and enjoy a day in the sun watching the Polo match and spending time with friends old and new.



Contact Bob Scott today! Rscott1697@aol.com PH: 817-313-2945 Let's make this year's Polo Match a success and sign up today.



Why is he so excited? Maybe because won the match or maybe he just saw all the rare and interesting Alfa Romeos on parade at half time! Come see for yourself.



Up Coming Events: Sarasota Exotic Car Fest



This show has always been a success for the FAC. Please join us and register your car for a fun day with hundreds of exotic and vintage sports cars. For more details and registration use the provided link here.

Our club coordinator for this event: Bob Parncevic

<http://www.sarasotaexoticcarfest.com/>



Saturday, February 21, 2015

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 941-348-9039 to register a car





**SARASOTA
EXOTIC
CAR FEST**

TICKETS & CAR REGISTRATION | FEBRUARY 20-22, 2015

MIAMI VICE THEMED WEEKEND

BENEFITING UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC

Fax this form or mail with payment to United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida at:

6915 15th Street East | Unit 202 | Sarasota, FL 34243 | Fax 941.251.4959 | Phone 941.348.9039

Schedule of Events

Friday Feb. 20	Miami Vice' - Jet Port Party
Saturday Feb. 21	Downtown Sarasota Exotic Concours
10 am – 4 pm	Display cars and judging activity
Saturday Feb. 21	Interactive Cocktail Theater
Sunday Feb. 22	Exotic Road Rally – Followed by Brunch

To reserve a spot to display your Alfa with Florida Alfa Club members, contact Bob Prancevic, FAC Event Chair, ASAP, (941) 928-9262, rjpwriter@comcast.net. Then print and complete the attached registration form and mail with \$50 entry fee to:

United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida
6915 15th Street East, Unit 202
Sarasota, FL 34243

Note: Entry price increases to \$65. On Feb 1.

For additional information about the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest, visit their Web site at <http://sarasotaexoticcarfest.com/> .



Upcoming Events:

Come join us in Down Town Clearwater for the Capital Theater's Cruisin' at the Capital car show on Sunday February 15th from 1-6 pm. It is a free event but you do have to pre-register your car. There will be live music and food. The Capital theater will also be showing a "Car" related movie such as (Bullet – LeMans – or Rush). Their bar and lounge will be open, so enjoy a cool drink on their balcony or roof terrace over-looking the band.



A Ruth Eckerd Hall (Inc.) Presentation

2nd Annual
Cruisin'
at
The Capitol

In honor of Jay Leno's inaugural performance at the Capitol Theatre last year and his passion for vintage vehicles...we are making Jay's *Cruisin' at the Capitol* an annual event. Join us to celebrate the second anniversary weekend of the Grand Re-Opening of the Capitol Theatre for a Street Party with Classic Cars and Live Music, while enjoying beautiful Downtown Clearwater!

Bring Your Rolling Art!
Sunday, February 15, 2015 - 1 to 6:00 pm

FEATURING THE BLACK HONKEYS
Voted Tampa Bay's "Best Local Band" for three years running in *Creative Loafing's* "Best of the Bay" Reader's Choice Awards.



FREE Concert

ENJOY:

- Live entertainment
- Opportunity drawing for a two-night stay in a one bedroom suite with breakfast (\$1,800 value) compliments of **HYATT REGENCY** CLEARWATER BEACH RESORT & SPA
- Door prizes for show tickets to the Capitol Theatre and Ruth Eckerd Hall for individuals that register their classic cars in advance [by February 6]
- Specialty food vendors
- Awards presentation and prizes for winning car participants at 5 pm
- Free event

Note: Cleveland Street will be closed to traffic, but reserved for classic cars only (space is limited). You may begin parking as early as 12 noon (300 block of Cleveland Street, downtown Clearwater). For car participants, please enter event using Drew Street going west which then turns into Cleveland Street going east. Attendants on Cleveland Street will provide parking directions. Early vehicle registration encouraged, however, you may also register the day of the event.

To register your vehicle, sponsor information or have further questions, contact Ruth Eckerd Hall Special Events at 727.712.2760 or ndietrich@rutheckerdhal.net.



Ruth Eckerd Hall is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Upcoming Events: The Festival of Speed in St Petersburg



A DISPLAY OF THE WORLDS MOST EXOTIC CARS,
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VIP LUXURY LIFESTYLE COCKTAIL RECEPTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH 8PM-11PM

TAMPA BAY AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Enjoy fine wines & spirits, smooth jazz and exciting culinary offerings amidst a display of exotic vehicles & luxury brands. Live auction benefitting the Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

MOTORSPORTS DISPLAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH 10AM-4PM

VINDY PARK, DOWNTOWN ST. PETERSBURG

A display of 250+ exotic cars, motorcycles, watercraft & luxury brands overlooking the bay. Enjoy onsite cafes, smooth jazz, fine wines & spirits, cigar lounge and more.

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Vehicle Editorial: Sold last night at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale for \$500,000.00!

Alfa Romeo 1900 C Sprint Pinin Farina Coupe – Car Profile (Excerpts from Sport Car Digest)



Alfa Romeo's heritage is filled with some of the most lust-worthy automobiles that the world has ever seen. With help from many of the most prestigious carrozzerias, firms like Zagato, Ghia and Touring would help form some of the most memorable shapes in the history of the automobile.

The coach built-era came to an end with the 1900 series cars from Alfa Romeo. With World War II in its rearview mirror, Alfa introduced a true mass-market automobile platform that carried on their tradition of performance while introducing new levels of versatility and value. The new design was met with great praise. The car is credited with many firsts for Alfa Romeo, including their first use of monocoque construction, their first 4-cylinder twin cam engine and the first Alfa Romeo to be mass-produced.

The 1900 was also the final Alfa Romeo series to be offered in quantity to coachbuilders. With multiple engine configurations, the 'family car' could go from the meager 90hp variant to the more powerful 1900TI specification featured in the 1900 C Sprint. The platform, which was originally penned by Orazio Satta as a sports sedan, would be manufactured to allow coachbuilders to take their liberties with the chassis.

The “C” designation in 1900 C stands for “corto” and refers to the car’s sporting, short wheelbase design. Quite rigid, the 1900 C chassis served as the perfect foundation for coach built bodies. While the majority of 1900 C Sprint coupes were produced with Carozzeria Touring bodies, a select number of cars feature coachwork from Italian design houses including Ghia, Zagato and Pinin Farina.

Less than 900 coach built 1900s were produced during the series’ 1950-1959 run. While approximately 100 Pinin Farina-bodied cars were produced, only 30 cars are believed to be extant and 10 are said to be left-hand-drive models.



Available for sale at the [Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2015 Auction](#), this 1952 Alfa Romeo 1900 C Sprint wears sleek bodywork from Carozzeria Pinin Farina. Wrap-around rear glass and rounded proportions characterize the unmistakably Italian shape. In addition to its rare, hand-formed Pinin Farina body, this particular 1900 C Sprint has one more extraordinary feature that sets it apart from other Alfa 1900s. This car is quite special in that it spent a significant portion of its life on display in the Pininfarina museum, where it shared time with the highly unusual [Pinin Farina X](#) as well as the stunning 1963 Pininfarina Corvette Rondine that sold for \$1.6 million at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction in 2007.

Features for [Lot 5042](#) include a 1.9-liter dual overhead cam 4-cylinder engine, Abarth twin carburetor conversion, floor shift 4-speed transmission, finned aluminum brakes and Borrani knock-off wire wheels wrapped in Michelin radial tires. A museum heirloom, the car is believed to be in largely original condition, including the light grey cloth interior and aluminum body. The odometer reads approximately 140 miles.

In a world where coachbuilt Ferraris from the same era routinely surpass \$1,000,000, coachbuilt Alfa Romeo 1900 C Sprints are also in high demand by collectors worldwide. Offered from the John Rosatti Collection, this 1900 C Sprint Pinin Farina coupe represents an obvious choice for the collector looking to compete in the Mille Miglia or win preservation class awards at major Concours worldwide.

This 1952 Alfa Romeo 1900 C Sprint Pinin Farina Coupe is available at the upcoming Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale sale, scheduled for January 10-18, 2015. For more information, visit [Barrett-Jackson.com](#).



Upcoming Events:

January 2015 Events

Sarasota Cars & Coffee – Jan. 3rd, 8-10 AM – Sarasota Porsche on the Trail

Club Business Mtg. on January 9th, 2015 at the Panera Bread Ulmerton Rd.

DuPont Cars and Coffee on January 17th, 7-9 AM

Sarasota Polo Match Sunday Jan. 25th, 2015

February 2015 Events

Sarasota Cars & Coffee – Feb 7th, 8-10 AM – Sarasota Porsche on the Trail

Club Business Mtg. on February 12th, 2015 at Panera Bread Ulmerton Rd.

Cruisin' at the Capital Car Show – Feb 15th, 1-6PM – Down Town Clearwater on Cleveland Street

Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on February 20-22 Contact: Bob Parncevic

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

March 2015 Events

Sarasota Cars & Coffee – March 7th, 8-10 AM – Sarasota Porsche on the Trail

Festival of Speed - March 8th, 10AM-4PM – Vinoy Park – Down Town – St. Petersburg

Club Business Mtg. on March 12th, 2015 at Panera Bread Ulmerton Rd.

Amelia Island Concourse de Elegance March 13th – 15th 2015

DuPont Cars & Coffee on March 21st, 7-9 AM

April 2015 Events

Sarasota Cars & Coffee – April 4th, 8-10 AM – Sarasota Porsche on the Trail

Club Business Mtg. on April 9th, 2015 at Panera Bread Ulmerton Rd.

DuPont Cars & Coffee on April 18, 7-9 AM

Cars for Sale:

Charlie Puffer has for sale a 1984 Alpha Romeo Spider.

The car has 44,560 original miles. I put a new cloth top on it 20 years ago and had the engine redone 700 miles ago when I shipped it to Bradenton in 2006. The car is a misty green (Topaz) with blue leather interior. It has always been garaged. I am offering it at \$13,000. You can contact Charlie at charpuf@gmail.com or directly by phone at 860-377-3698.



More Cars for Sale:

I just talked to Tom and Marilyn Kruze, long-time FAC members with a 1991 spider for sale. Here are pictures and a description of the very clean car. The car has a new paint job and everything original in excellent condition with 36,500 miles. Asking \$12,500. Tom can be reached at 941-751-2989 or via email at tvkruze@gmail.com



More Cars for Sale:

A clean 1992 Alfa Spider with 33K miles on eBay in New Mexico for \$19,900.00

http://www.ebay.com/itm/Alfa-Romeo-Spider-convertible-1992-alfa-romeo-spider-veloce-33-000-miles-yellow-mint-fiat-miata-/321631763200?forcerrpr=true&hash=item4ae2bf3b00&item=321631763200&pt=US_Cars_Trucks



More Cars for Sale: Recently many Dealers have listed their Alfa 4C cars for sale or up for auction on eBay at significantly higher prices. Here are a few we found from both Alfa dealers as well as secondary dealers trying to flip them.

Williston, Vermont for \$86,789.00



Urbandale, Iowa for \$81,895.00



Murrysville, PA for \$125,000.00



Miami, Florida for \$114,950.00



Traverse City, Michigan bid at \$71,895.00



More Business: Advertisers & Recommended Shops

If you know of a body or paint shop, dealer or service provider that you would recommend and would like to share with the rest of the Alfa Romeo World, this space is available for them to advertise at very reasonable rates. As owners of vintage Alfa Romeos we all have stories of the car that went in for a paint job only to be left sitting endlessly and eventually held for hostage, or the mechanical shop that caused more oil leaks than the car came in with. Send us your list of shops that you are proud to recommend to other Alfa owners and help us spread the word.

With the upcoming introduction of the new Alfa 4C and the fleet of Alfas to follow it, many of our local Fiat-Alfa Dealers are gearing up for the new 4C's introduction. The Florida Alfa Club has offered to help promote these 4C introduction events by bringing several of our Vintage Alfa for display during the dealer's events. If you have an Alfa-Fiat dealer near you that would like us to participate as well by bringing our cars to their kickoff events, please ask them to contact us here for scheduling. Also mention to the dealer in your area that advertising here reaches a targeted market of Alfa Romeo enthusiasts already sold on the brand and a valuable source for potential future Alfa customers.

If you are organizing a car show or an event and you would like the Florida Alfa Club to participate in your event by either bringing out several unique and pristine vintage Alfa Romeo's for display at the car show, or our membership to participate in a charity drive and/or similar event, feel free to contact us here. You can also advertise your event here as well. Contact us directly on how to do that and for a list of reasonable rates.

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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:

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