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Editorial Comments: The winter car show season is in full swing. Check out the results so far!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for March 2015.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo Tipo 33 Stradale Concept



Recent Events:

Sarasota Exotic Car Fest

Once again the Florida Alfa Club had a good turnout for the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest with cool but otherwise good weather as all the jackets indicate. Here is a great group photo gathered under the Florida Alfa Club Banner.

Thanks to all who participated and made this year's show a success.



Here are Polly Green and Linda Rady with big jackets and warm smiles



Ruggero Santilli preparing his very rare and beautiful Alfa Zagato TZ3 Stradale, number 9 of 9



Another view of Ruggero & Carla Santilli's very rare Alfa Zagato TZ3 Stradale



Bob and Sue Prancenic's ravishing red 1976 spider



Dan Korolyshyn's owned since new 1986 spider



Bob Scott's 1987 Quad



Delmas and Polly Greene's 1973 Montreal & Harmon Heed and his "Blonde" spider



Delmas Greene and James Harn by James' 1954 Lancia Aurelia



James and Julie Harn with their 1954 Lancia Aurelia



John and Linda Rady's rare National Winner 1984 Alfa GTV-6 Maratona – It is for sale!



More Recent Events:

B.I.G. Car Show – Ft. Myers – (British – Italian – German)

The B.I.G Car show, held Sunday March 1st in Ft Myers was sponsored by the local Triumph Club, but as the name implies was open to all British, Italian, and German sports cars with awards in each category. For those of us from the northern counties that drove down on Saturday, the weather was a real concern. After many hours of working on our cars to make them “show ready”, we woke up Saturday morning to driving rain that continued the whole day and most of the evening. But we arrived at our hotel safely, secured our cars for the evening and later enjoyed a wonderful dinner with Bob Lombardo and his lovely wife, the Guynn’s and other members of the club.

Pictured are Bob Lombardo, Delmas Greene, Harmon Heed, Mel Gumpert, and Frank Mann



After all the rain Saturday on the drive down to Ft Myers, Sunday was 85 degrees and sunny sending us running for shade and several cool drinks. With over 11 cars it was a great turn out of new and vintage Alfa Romeos.

Many thanks to Bob Lombardo of the SW Florida Alfa Club for their help organizing this event for us and his dinner recommendations. A lot of fun was had by all that attended.

More shots of Alfas all in a row



Even more Alfas of all vintages and colors



Another vantage point of the row of Alfas on display



A rare green metallic GTV Junior purchased originally in Rome anchors the row of Alfas



A beautiful close up shot of the Alfa 4C which attracted a lot of attention



Dan & Ruth and Marilyn Guynn



Delmas and Polly Greene, Marilyn Guynn, and Linda Rady relaxing in the shade.



Mel & Shirley Gumpert's new Alfa 4C pictured with Frank Mann and Harmon Heed behind it



A rear and side view of the Alfa 4C



While we had a dramatic array of new and Vintage Alfa Romeos on display, more than half the cars were British including a wide array of Triumphs, MG's, Jaguars, Austin Healey's, and many more. The local BMW club was also well represented including Stan Dale's new 550 Dinan, an all -black 1988 M6, a fully restored 1958 Isetta 600, and my 1973 Blue 3.0CS as well. In addition there were several Porsches including a very rare 356-S90 race car and many Mercedes as well. All total close to 100 cars were in attendance with this being only the 3rd show, it was quite a success.

More Recent Events:

Festival of Speed – St. Petersburg



This year's Festival of Speed in St. Petersburg had perfect weather and the Florida Alfa Club was well represented with 10 cars including a new Alfa 4C and the Santilli's always amazing Zagato TZ3 Stradale.

Pictured are Jim Ferguson, Delmas Greene, Dennis Holden, Bob Scott, John Picot, Miguel Bartoli and lady friend Cheryl



John Picot and Barry Andress' GTVs along with Delmas Greene's Montreal



John Rady's GTV-6 Maratona and Miguel Bartoli's new 4C



Linda Rady and Jo Heed discuss the technical intricacies of Alfa's in front of Bob Scott and Jim Ferguson's Quadtrifolio's, Harmon Heed's Spider abnormale, and Dan Castorani's Milano



Harmon Heed's Blonde Giulia Spider, Jim Ferguson's Quadtrifolio, and Jim Castorani's Milano



Here Barry Andress accepts his award for Best Vintage Alfa Romeo – Great Hat Barry!



Another view of Barry with his trophy



Here Ruggero and Carla Santilli receive their Award for Best Contemporary Alfa Romeo



Here is another shot of the Santilli's and their rather Large Trophy – That's two at the FOS!



Up Coming Events:

Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance - 2015



AMELIA ISLAND 2015 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Location:

[The Ritz-Carlton - Amelia Island](#)

[Click for Google Map](#)

4750 Amelia Island Pkwy.
Amelia Island, FL 32024

Adult:

\$100 (\$80 advance)

Student:

Ages 12-18 - \$40

Youth:

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Other:

Add \$20 for early (8:30am) entry

Website:

www.ameliaconcours.org

Social:

[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Benefits:

Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Foundation

Founded:

1996

Special: Hagerty Youth Judging



Sunday, March 15th marks the culmination of four days jam-packed with automotive activities at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Below is a summary of what's happening on "show" day. Additional details and costs can be found on the [concours website](#).

Show Field Activities
Sunday, March 15, 2015
The Golf Club of Amelia Island

8:00-5:00

The Shop at the Concours

8:30-4:00

Book Signings

James Edition Midway

7:00-4:00

Motor Expo

first hole

9:00-4:00

Automobilia

9:30-4:00

Show field open to the public

10th & 18th Fairways

9:45

Honoree Sir Stirling Moss enters the show field from the Awards Tent

10:30

Vintage Fashion Show presented by Fashion Group International,
North Florida, Inc. – Awards Tent

11:00

Chairman's Welcome

National Anthem

Flyover

Judges Introduction

11:30-4:00

Awards Presentation

Awards Tent

Exhibitors

Bentley, BMW, BMW Group Classic, Breitling, Brumos, Buick, Ferrari, Infiniti, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Maserati, McLaren, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche

9:30-4:00

Luxury Lifestyle Merchants

All day: North end of the Show Field

Luxury Car Displays

The Ritz-Carlton, Front Entrance

NOTE: All events are held rain or shine.



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d'Elegance
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Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance hosts quartet of significant Lancia rally cars



These days the [Lancia](#) is in the shadow of its former glory [and continues to shrink even further](#). It's sad to see the Italian brand be in such a state after once being a [motorsports](#) powerhouse with wins in Formula One, endurance racing and especially rallying. The Exotic Rally Class at this year's [Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance](#) is an opportunity to remember the company's triumphs thanks to a quartet of Lancia legends that are all owned by one man.

Getting to see four Lancia rally cars in one place is a rarity, and this collection from John Campion has a definite eye towards motorsports history to make it more special. First, there's a [1969 Fulvia](#) with 10 events under its belt. There's also a [1975 Stratos](#) in brilliant orange with a competition history from the late '70s and restoration in 2011. Next, Campion's [1983 037](#) was raced at one time by the Martini Racing Team, and it won a 1985 rally in Italy at the hands of Graziano Rossi, the father of MotoGP star [Valentino Rossi](#). Finally, his [1988 Delta Integrale](#) (pictured above) was also part of the Martini team, and to make the car even more important, it gave Miki Biasion the 1988 WRC Drivers Championship. The Integrale helped Lancia score the manufacturers championship that year too.

Lancia may eventually be completely gone from the market, but as long as historically significant models like this continue to be displayed, the brand should stay in the automotive consciousness. It's definitely worth clicking through the gallery to see how these classics look today, and check out some vintage photos of them too.

More Upcoming Events:

Festival of Speed – Amelia Island



Once again this year Joe Sabatini hosts the Festival of Speed Car Show at Amelia Island – Saturday March 14th. He has a lot of magazine editors and photographers coming, so bring out your car and join this year's Festival of Speed at Amelia Island. Maybe your ride will make one of his Calendar Shots. More details and how to register can be found at the link below, or contact Joe Sabatini directly at 352-406-9325.

http://www.festivalsofspeed.com/js_events/amelia-island/



More Upcoming Events:

Florida Alfa Club Grand Tour and Rally – Saturday - April 18th



The Florida Alfa Club and the Mid Florida Alfa Club announces a Grand Tour and Fun Rally Saturday April 19th. All interested members and guests should meet at the I-75N rest area just north of SR56 at 9:00AM Saturday morning. If you are interested in participating please contact the event coordinator and let him know who and how many will be joining us. Contact Dave Durbak at alfisti@durbak.com

Alfa Romeo April Tour to the Boondocks



Put down the top and come join the fun on April 18th as we tour the Howey in the Hills and Mount Dora areas of Central Florida ending with a final destination lakeside at J B Boondocks in beautiful Howey in the Hills.

Up Coming Events Calendar

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 Taziki's Café - 2649 Ulmerton Rd.

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

Amelia Island Cars & Coffee, Saturday March 14th, 2015

Festival of Speed Amelia Island – Saturday - March 14th, 2015

Tampa Bay Café Racers – Wednesday – March 18th – 11-2:00 PM

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

Tampa Bay Café Racers – Wednesday April 8th – 11-2 PM

Club Business Mtg. on April 9th, 2015 location TBD

Florida Alfa Club Grand Tour & Rally Saturday – April 18th

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

Tampa Bay Café Racers – Wednesday – April 22nd – 11-2PM

May 2015 Events

Alfa Parts Swap – May 2nd (Check for Updates soon)

Sarasota Cars & Coffee – May 2nd, 8-10 AM – Sarasota Porsche on the Trail

Club Business Mtg. on May 8th, 2015 Location TBD

DuPont Cars & Coffee on May 15th, 7-9 AM

June 2015 Events

Sarasota Cars & Coffee – June 6th, 8-10 AM – Sarasota Porsche on the Trail

DuPont Cars & Coffee on June 19th, 7-9 AM

Club Business Mtg. on June 28th, 2015 at the Santilli's House

Annual Pizza Party and Sim-Racing – June 28th - Ruggero & Carla Santilli's House

Alfa Editorial: Excerpts from a NY Times Article December 5th, 2014



An Anniversary Pilgrimage for the Giulietta, Timeless at 60

Pacengo di Lazise, Italy — Two years ago, when I reported on a trip to Rome during which I bought an Alfa Romeo Giulia — a stylish 1960s sport sedan — from the president of Italy’s Alfa Romeo registry, I experienced not the usual melancholy sense of closure, but an odd sensation that the story had just begun.

So it seemed not altogether unnatural to find myself on a beach in Sicily this summer with the man who sold me the car, Stefano d’Amico, discussing the logistics of a rally commemorating the 60th anniversary of another landmark Alfa Romeo, the Giulietta.

As we roasted on adjacent sun beds, one logistic in particular came to the fore: the vehicle that I, as Mr. d’Amico’s guest, would be driving.

“There is a car in the Alfa Romeo Museum,” Mr. d’Amico said, “a Giulietta Sprint Zagato. Very rare, very special. I think maybe you will drive this car.”

My wife, Belinda, would be unable to come because of job constraints, but Mr. d'Amico approved my proposed alternate co-pilot: Conrad Stevenson, a restorer, mechanic and Giulietta specialist from Berkeley, Calif.

And so, on a bright September afternoon, a taxi deposited me and Mr. Stevenson — the rally's American delegation — at a hotel here, on the shore of Lake Garda in the Veneto region not far from Verona. My fears of arriving unfashionably early were unfounded: The parking lot was already brimming with a virtual taxonomy of Giuliettas, from jaunty sedans and coupes to convertibles and racecars, all born in a pivotal period of the automaker's history.

Despite notable racing successes in its early years, Alfa Romeo — founded in 1910 as Anonima Lombarda Fabbrica Automobili (commonly referred to by its initials) and later rechristened under the ownership of the industrialist Nicola Romeo — had long struggled financially. After World War II, under government ownership and with its bombed-out Portello factory recently rebuilt, Alfa Romeo needed a hit, a car it could build in large numbers.

The company's managers and designers conceived a compact sport sedan — its name a nod to Shakespeare — powered by a potent 1.3-liter 4-cylinder engine. When technical issues delayed the sedan's anticipated launch, Alfa Romeo commissioned Bertone to quickly fashion a small grand touring coupe, the Giulietta Sprint, which made its debut in 1954 at the Turin Motor Show.



Over the next 11 years, Alfa Romeo built more than 177,000 Giuliettas, transforming itself from an essentially artisanal operation into an industrial force. True to their initial popularity, Giuliettas are some of the most sought-after Alfas today. Few are more appealing than the striking red car that Mr. d'Amico had liberated from the Museo Alfa Romeo.

Low and sleek, with a tapered roofline and a sharply cropped tail, the Giulietta SZ “coda tronca” was the last in a series of racing Giuliettas whose lightweight aluminum bodies were designed and hand-fabricated by the Zagato coachworks in Milan. In all, Zagato built just 30 “coda tronca” Giuliettas, whose aerodynamic shape and turbulence-reducing Kamm tail enabled a top speed of 125 miles per hour.

After an introduction to the functions of the toggle switches on the SZ's metal dash by the museum's mechanic, Alessandro Rigoni, it was time to go. There was a problem however. I couldn't start the car.

Mr. Stevenson immediately proved indispensable. Instructing me to turn the key, he finessed the accelerator pedal with an expert hand, and the engine awoke with a metallic snarl. Nearby, Mr. d'Amico fired up a Giulietta from his own collection, a Sprint Zagato “round tail” that had won the famed Sicilian road race, the Targa Florio, in 1962.

This was no isolated event. Despite Alfa Romeo's minimal involvement in motorsports at the time, amateur drivers raced their Giuliettas enthusiastically in road races, rallies and on tracks. And thanks to the cars' power, excellent handling and reliability, they dominated the 1,300 cc class until the early 1960s.



As the convoy of 60 Giuliettas headed south toward Parco Giardino Sigurtà, the grounds of a villa where the emperors Franz Joseph I and Napoleon III were once guests, I felt oddly at home in the \$650,000 racer. Its precise steering, balletic sense of balance and surprisingly supple ride reminded me of nothing so much as my 1969 Giulia.

I mentioned this to Mr. Stevenson, who, looking up from the road book in which he was charting our progress, said that mechanically speaking, the two cars were indeed closely related. It was an exciting thought, the notion that my little gray sedan was a not too distant cousin of this exotic machine.

Under a tent on one of Giardino Sigurtà's sweeping lawns, the rally's participants dove into plates of tortellini and their somewhat larger siblings, tortelloni; and cosciotto di maiale in crosta di pane, a northern Italian take on pig-in-a-blanket. Mr. d'Amico gave a toast to Alfa Romeo; to the passion of those who designed, built and raced the cars; and to the members of Registro Italiano Alfa Romeo, who keep the spirit alive. And at that point, dessert appeared: a huge cake on which a likeness of a Giulietta grille was emblazoned in chocolate.

The following morning the troop departed for Mantua and the Cimitero Monumentale, the resting place of Tazio Nuvolari, the race driver who brought fame to Alfa Romeo in the 1930s with a rush of victories. After a record-breaking finish in the 1930 Mille Miglia in an Alfa 6C 1750, he scored three Grand Prix wins in 1932 alone. In the 1935 German Grand Prix, racing Alfa Romeo's P3 against vastly more powerful cars from Mercedes and Auto Union, he scored a seemingly impossible upset. In a sun-dappled glade, Mr. d'Amico gave a eulogy and, as a trumpeter played a quavering lament, the faithful filed one by one into the tomb.

The next pilgrimage was more cheerful. Led by Alfa's chief executive, Harald Wester, at the wheel of a Giulietta prototype, the 750 Competizione, and Mr. d'Amico in his lightweight Sprint Veloce coupe, the rally charged to Nuvolari's birthplace, the town of Castel d'Ario. Mr. Wester drove at a brisk pace, with Mr. d'Amico deferring, but just barely [ly](#).

By then fully in his element behind the SZ's wheel, Mr. Stevenson, who recently raced his own Giulia Sprint Speciale to victory in the La Carrera Panamericana, hounded their heels, double-clutching into 90-degree turns and boring out of them full throttle, winding the race-tuned engine again and again to an exhilarating 6,000 revolutions per minute.

In Castel d'Ario, the group descended on Trattoria Nuvolari for a lunch of riso alla pilota — a simple dish of rice, fortified with a bit of ground pork cooked in butter, said to have been one of Nuvolari's favorites. Dinner was a more elaborate affair. With the aid of a motorcycle escort, the Giuliettas swarmed into Piazza Bra in Verona, and were promptly set upon by the Veronese.

The drivers and navigators meanwhile made their way into the historic city center for a stroll, reconvening at Ristorante Vittorio Emanuele for a four-course meal of eggplant tart, Veronese mountain cheese ravioli, braised beef cheeks and puff pastries filled with mascarpone, at which

point the thought occurred that Italy's Alfisti spent more time eating than driving — the surest sign, perhaps, of an enlightened society.

On the rally's final morning, I slid into the passenger seat of the 750 Competizione alongside Mr. Rigoni, the museum's mechanic. The open-cockpit racer, whose specially modified 1.5-liter engine produces maximum power at 9,500 r.p.m., was far from happy in the preprandial cavalcade wending to Villa Mosconi Bertani, an 18th-century wine-growing estate that produces some of the region's best Amarone. The Giulietta's side pipes gurgled in protest, Mr. Rigoni groaned at the precipitously low reading on the oil pressure gauge, and yet somehow, ensconced in the little red Alfa Romeo, the world and everything in it had never seemed more unassailably right.

A modern 2015 version of the Giulia Sprint



Cars for Sale:



This Month's 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

Tom also has his car for sale in Sarasota at a consignment house (for more money), so if you are interested contact Tom or Marilyn directly and soon before this beauty disappears.



More Car Parts for Sale:

I was researching placing classified ads for Alfa Parts I have when I found out about your group. I live in North Fort Myers, FL about 2 hours south of you.

I have a '91 Alfa Spider Veloce, not in running condition that I intend to either part out or sell- either as a parts car or to someone with the time and expertise to refurbish. Sale of parts or the entire car is negotiable.

I also have a full exhaust system on the shelf for the car that was never installed- catalytic converter, center section and rear, original parts, sold by IAP. Entire system can be had for \$600.

Please feel free to email me or call me at 239-652-0026 if you or someone in your group is interested or cborgster@gmail.com

More Cars for Sale

We were recently contacted by an Alfa enthusiast, George Hsu who has a 1974 Alfa GTV for sale. He has owned the car since new and driven it sporadically over the years. It has roughly 75K original miles and the photo of the engine bay looks very clean suggesting a low mileage original condition car. The car is located on Sea Island Georgia and can be seen for inspection by contacting George directly via email at jnthsu@aol.com. George is accepting offers for the car but would prefer it be sold to an Alfa enthusiasts who will enjoy it and take care of it as he has for the last 40 years. Sea Island is not that far from most of us and a wonderful place to spend some time over a long weekend as well as you check out George's beautiful GTV.



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 Alfes 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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