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Editorial Comments: Welcome back to all our members who summer up north. We have a busy season planned for you. Details can be found from within.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for September 2015.

Car Name: 1971 Alfa Romeo GTAm



Recent Events:

Quaker State & Lub Open cars Show – Sunday Sept. 20th

As many of you know, Quaker State and Lub puts on numerous car and Bike events weekly, mostly hotrods and muscle cars, but once a month they have a large open class car show with a broader sports car field. The Florida Alfa Club attended this event in September. The weather was clear and sunny if not a little warm but no rain. The field of cars was heavily populated with hotrods and muscle cars as you would expect with over 100 cars in total filling Quaker State's parking lot easily.

I arrived early to stake out some parking spots for the club at 10AM and even then I could tell it was going to be a warm day, so I immediately called our other members that I knew were coming and told them to bring the tent which proved to be a life saver. We had a couple of last minute cancelations, but still had five Alfas show up with the winning drivers pictured below plus John Rady and Jim Ferguson. Also welcome new member Don Simmons.

John Picot – Delmas Greene – Don Simmons – Frank Mann displaying their trophies after the show.



Recent Events:

The Royal Automobile Club 1000 Mile Trial 2015 was staged 13-18 July in Britain, organized by the Historic Enduro Rallying Organisation (HERO).

Note: Photos courtesy of Sports Car Digest

While you would expect this race to be filled with several vintage Bentleys, MG's, Triumph's and rare British cars, there was one very prominent Alfa Romeo running in this year's event. Here are some photos of that car. Notice that the English version of the Mille Miglia and the British country side is markedly different than that other 1000 mile race in Italy!

1928 Alfa Romeo 6C 1500 MM Supercharged







1928 Alfa Romeo 6C 1500 MM Supercharged enters Blenheim Palace



Upcoming Events:

The Mystery of Anti-Matter – Friday Sept. 25th – 8PM – St Petersburg

You are invited to attend the Keynote presentation by Florida Alfa Club Member Dr. Ruggero Santilli at the St Petersburg Astronomy Club (SPAC). Many of our members know Ruggero and his lovely wife Carla as active members of our club and avid Alfa Romeo collectors and enthusiasts, but he is also a respected scientist and author in the fields of Physics and Astronomy. This is a great opportunity to hear Ruggero speak and see another side of one of our long time club members. Dr. Santilli recently returned from Europe and an extensive speaking tour.

Dr. Santilli will outline his fifty years of research toward the detection of antimatter galaxies, antimatter asteroids, and antimatter cosmic rays via the use of "Santilli Telescope," the first one in history with "concave" lenses, in pair with a traditional "Galileo Telescope" with "convex" lenses. Samples of 50, 100 and 150 mm pairs of Galileo and Santilli telescopes will be shown. Following a short introduction, Dr. Santilli will present for open questions and discussions numerous anomalous images obtained via his telescope with concave lenses in the Vega region of the night sky, the Moon and the Tampa area at night.

LOCATION

Auditorium of the
St. Petersburg Science center
7701 22nd Avenue North,
St. Petersburg , FL 33710
PHONE: 727-384-0027

DIRECTIONS

The St Petersburg Science Center is located
just West of Tyrone Square Mall on 22nd Ave North

Personal Note: A few of us within the FAC have had the opportunity to have dinner with Ruggero and Carla when the conversation over the last sips of red wine went to science & physics. One notable evening at a dinner place in Fernandina Beach during the Amelia Island Concourse when the Santilli's, Norm and Penny Sippel, my wife Peggy and I had the pleasure of dining together and after the third bottle of red wine the conversation at our end of the table drifted to Physics and the mysteries of the universe. I am sure we drew the attention of the entire restaurant that night, and definitely a memorably evening for me personally.



Mid Florida Alfa Romeo Owners Club, Inc. *VIVA ALFA ROMEO*

2015 Car Show in Celebration, Florida
Saturday, October 3, 2015

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____

(Your signature confirms you are in agreement with the terms on the reverse side)

VEHICLE INFORMATION

1. YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

2. YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

3. YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

REGISTRATION

Registration on or before September 26th - Pre-Registered Vehicle - \$20.00

(additional vehicles may be entered at no additional charge)

Please Note: Late Registration Fee:

Registration **after September 26th** - **\$25.00**

Please make check or money order payable to "**Mid Florida AROC, Inc.**"

Reservations for Friday night dinner: Number attending_____ . Will not attend_____
Reservations for Saturday night dinner: Number attending_____. Will not attend_____

Please mail registration form with check to:

Norman Burnstine, Treasurer
102 Cambridge Drive

Longwood, Florida 32779

SHOW HOURS: Parking for display: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Display Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Presentation of Awards: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Parade through Celebration: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

OVER

Viva Alfa Romeo

Car Show

Celebration, FL

October 3, 2015

Exhibitor Terms and Conditions

1. *Viva Alfa Romeo* reserves the right to ask any party, not observing the standards set forth here and the reverse, but not limited to these standards, to immediately leave the property.
2. Pets or animals of any nature or type are not allowed at the event, except for those whose owners are sight impaired.
3. As a condition of displaying their cars, exhibitors agree to leave their cars in place from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on 10/3/2015
4. Only qualified and registered vehicles will be allowed to park in the exhibitor area.
5. Canopies, banners or other signage relating to exhibitor cars, or other interests, are not allowed, with
the exception of a descriptive placard which may be positioned directly in front of the car or on the
dash. "For Sale" signs are prohibited unless written permission is received.
6. All exhibitors are required to have full insurance policies in effect for their display vehicles.
7. No soliciting is allowed, including, but not limited to, handing out of any material, brochures or offerings of any kind without the written permission of the show organizers in advance of the show.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of being accepted to participate, the participant, by his or her signature on the reverse, acknowledges that:

THE PARTICIPANT AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS. Mid Florida AROC, Inc., *VIVA ALFA ROMEO*, its owners and affiliates, event sponsors, Celebration, Florida, all participating clubs, and any and all employees or contractors or their assigns from any loss, liability or

damage caused to the participant's personal property while on the property of Celebration, Florida.

THE PARTICIPANT WARRANTS THAT automotive liability and property insurance is attached to the vehicle that has been registered for this event. The participant understands that the participant's vehicle insurance will be solely responsible for any property damage or liability claims that occur at the *Viva Alfa Romeo* 2010 event at Celebration, Florida.

THE PARTICIPANT AGREES that any property damage to Celebration, Florida as a result of negligent behavior on the participant's part, will be the sole responsibility of the participant.

THE PARTICIPANT AGREES that he or she has read and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, prior to the voluntary signing on the reverse of this form, and that this agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.



More Upcoming Events:

Mirror Lake Classic

The Mirror Lake Classic Car Show and Concourse October 16th-17th in Down Town Lakeland, FL. Join us helping support the Winter Haven Alfa/Fiat Dealer at the Mirror Lake car show. We have a great location right on the Lake this year so join us for what will be a great event. There is a block of Hotel rooms set aside at the Hyatt on Orange Ave. Join us Friday afternoon and evening for a poolside wine and cheese event and a group dinner later before the show Saturday. Spaces still available.



With over 35,000 people attending, the Concour de Elegance located around the lake will host 125 cars fast becoming the prelude show to Amelia Island, with over 600 cars in the open car event located in the downtown streets. Cars are grouped by class and make on the streets with every vehicle imaginable.



Sign up today using this link

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/lakemirrorclassic>

Reserve your hotel room here and join us for wine and cheese at the pool Friday

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/lakemirrorclassic>

More Upcoming Events:

Annual Ft DeSoto Picnic and Car Show – Sunday Nov. 15th



Join us for the Florida Alfa Club's Annual Fort DeSoto Picnic and Car Show. This year we are extending an invitation to the SW FL. & Mid FL. Alfa Clubs as well as other select Sports Car clubs to join us. As a result we will be providing a block of rooms at a local Hotel for overnight stays Saturday night before the event, as well as organizing a dinner Saturday night for people arriving early for the picnic Sunday.

Fort DeSoto Beach and Park



The event starts at 11:00AM located at Shelter #2

More Upcoming Events:

Annual FAC Holiday Luncheon at Alfano's Dec. 5th at 11:00AM



Join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon at Alfano's restaurant located at:

1702 Clearwater-Largo Road

Clearwater, FL.

PH: 727-584-2125

Alfano's has great Italian, steaks and seafood with one of the area's best award winning wine list. We typically have a large private room for our party, and since we now hold it as a luncheon, there is plenty of safe and secure parking. So be sure to bring your vintage or new Alfa out, dust off your best holiday attire and come celebrate the holidays with all your friends in the Florida Alfa Club at Alfano's restaurant Saturday December 5th.

Polly usually has several giveaway bags for everyone, and this year she has been to Italy shopping so expect them to be unique and different this year. Contact Polly Greene to reserve a spot at pollygreene@yahoo.com or by phone at 727-439-2019.



More Upcoming Events: Festivals of Speed – Orlando – Sunday December 6th



LUXURY LIFESTYLE JETPORT RECEPTION

ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 2015

GOLF TOURNAMENT

BELLA COLLINA GOLF CLUB
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 2015

MOTORSPORTS DISPLAY

RITZ-CARLTON ORLANDO
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 2015, 10AM-4PM
WWW.FESTIVALSOFSPEED.COM | 352-385-9450

For sponsorship inquiries to the weekend's events call Joe Sabatini

Upcoming Events:

Alfa Romeo

Florida Alfa Club
Annual Polo Match and Tailgate Meet
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

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**

Up Coming Events

September 2015 Events

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, September 2nd and 16th, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

Tampa Bay Café Racers – September 9th, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

Club Business Mtg. on September 10th, at 6:30PM at Taziki's Café on Ulmerton

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

Quaker State & Lub Open Car Show – Sunday September 20th – 11-4PM – Delmas

Tampa Bay Café Racers – September 23rd, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

Dr. Ruggaro Santilli Presentation – St Petersburg Astronomy Club – Friday September 25th – Frank Mann

October 2015 Events:

Celebration Car Show – October 2nd-3rd, Orlando

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, October 7th and 24th, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

Tampa Bay Café Racers – October 7th, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

Club Business Mtg. on October 8th, 6:30PM at Taziki's Café on Ulmerton

Mirror Lake Car Show on October 16th-17th, in Lakeland – Frank Mann

DuPont Cars & Coffee on October 17th, 7-9 AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers – October 21th, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

November 2015 Events:

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, November 4th and 18th, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

St Petersburg Yacht Club Car Show – Sunday, November 8th

Tampa Bay Café Racers – November 11th, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

Club Business Meeting on Nov. 12th, 6:30PM at Taziki's Café on Ulmerton

Annual Ft DeSoto Picnic and Car Show – November 15th, - Harmon Heed

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

Tampa Bay Café Racers – November 25th, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

Upcoming Events Continued:

December 2015 Events:

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, December 2nd and 16th, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

Club Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon – December 5th, 11:30AM – Alfanos – Polly Greene

Festival of Speed – Sunday December 6th – Orlando Ritz Carlton 10:00AM – 4:00PM – Joe Sabatini

Tampa Bay Café Racers – December 9th, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

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

Tampa Bay Café Racers – December 23rd, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

January 2016 Event:

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, January 6th and 20th, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

Club Business Meeting - Thursday Jan 8th – Taziki's Café on Ulmerton – 6:30PM

Tampa Bay Café Racers – January 13th, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

DuPont Cars & Coffee on January 16th, 7-9 AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers – January 27, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton

Polo Match & Tail Gate Event Sunday Jan. 31st – Sarasota Polo Fields – Bob Scott

February 2016 Event:

Cars for Sale:



Please submit photos and a description of your car for sale and we will post it here for the Alfa Romeo Nation to see. Contact the editor Frank Mann at fmann1@tampabay.rr.com or directly at 727-254-9723

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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Contact the FAC for Dealer Recommendations and Club Membership: www.floridaalfaclub.org

Join us for the Mirror Lake Classic Car show in Lakeland later this year October 16th-17th and bring out your classic Alfa to add to Winter Haven Alfa/Fiat's tent and display

Alfa Romeo 4C

We Support the Alfa Romeo Club of Florida

Fiat 500 1957 Edition

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Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area

This month's Focus: ProFab Customs – Powder Coating Services



When I recently got my Alfa GTV back from a full bare metal restoration and paint, I realized there was a few more things that needed to be done before I could start the reassembly in earnest. Although I had ordered many new custom and racing suspension parts from Alfaholics in the UK www.alfaholics.com , many of the original suspension parts would need to be reused and they were in sad shape with 40 years-worth of grease and grim. I started degreasing them and hours of scrapping and brushing later, I said there had to be a better way, so I contact my friend Tom Argue of Tom Argue designs www.tomarguedesigns.com and asked him to recommend a local shop for Powder Coating services.

This is how I was introduced to ProFab guys Joe McDede and Gerry Miller www.profabcustoms.com . They took my dirty grimy suspension parts and degreased them, baked them, primed and powder coated them to perfection all at a very reasonable price. They are highly recommended.

More Recommended Shops:

Gearworks
1410 N. Hercules Ave.
Clearwater, FL. 33765
PH: 727-784-0452
www.agearworks.com

I had already rebuilt the engine and transmission on my GTV when the body finally got back from paint when I realized the rear end would also need rebuilding. This is when I was recommended to Andy at Gear Works by fellow Alfa guy Mark Dubovic. They specialize in rebuilding and servicing rear ends and differentials. They were friendly and knowledgeable. As it turned out my Alfa GTV rear end only needed a good cleaning and new seals. They are highly recommended

Comments from the Editor:

This is your newsletter so comments are always welcome. Please tell us if there is something you like or dislike about the newsletter or if you have a car for sale or a shop you have had good luck with and would recommend. We will be happy to include them in a future edition. We charge a minimal fee for Car dealers and related Shops and Services to advertise in the Notizia newsletter. Please contact me directly if you are interested in advertising with us. As always details of your car for sale are free and done as a service to club members.

Regards,

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