

The logo for the Alfa Romeo Florida Alfa Club. It features a circular emblem on the left containing a red cross on a white background and a green serpent on a blue background. To the right, the words "Alfa Romeo" are written in a large, red, cursive script. Below this, the words "FLORIDA ALFA CLUB" are written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font, with "FLORIDA" on the top line and "ALFA CLUB" on the bottom line. A red swoosh underline is positioned between the cursive and the sans-serif text.

**Alfa Romeo**  
**FLORIDA**  
**ALFA CLUB**

**December 2015**

**Volume 12 Issue 12**

**Editorial Comments:** We hope that two of our members recover soon – Bill Kelly and Barry Mann!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for December 2015.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo TZ2 at the Concorso Villa d' Este



## Recent Events: Ft DeSoto Annual Picnic and Car Show



## 2015 Annual Ft DeSoto Beach Picnic

Ft DeSoto Beach is always listed in the top five best beaches in the United States, year in and year out. It's where the Florida Alfa Club has its annual picnic, welcoming the snow birds back. This year the sky was grey, the wind brisk but the temperature was in the mid seventies, much warmer than "up north."

At Shelter 2 we're not right on the beach but just behind it in a large, open shelter that provides shade, tables, barbecue pits, refuse receptacles, water, nearby rest rooms, the park Ranger brings us traffic cones to "cone off" our adjacent Alfa parking area and they let us stick our signs and raise our banners. Not much more could be asked for.

This year's attendance wasn't strong, just seven cars and 20 people, down from the usual 12 -



16 cars and thirty people. We're not getting the Mid-Florida (Middies) or South West Florida (SWFLs) club's attendance we used to get. FAC members attending were Barry Andress and Cathy Foster in Barry's red, 1983 spider; Dan & Diane Castorani in their red, 1987 Milano; Harmon & Jo Heed in their blond, 1964 spider abnormale; John & Cheryl Picot in their burgundy, 1973 GTV 2000; John & Linda Rady in

their award winning, anthracite, 1984 GTV6 Maratona; and Bob & Carolyn Scott in their red, 1987 spider Quadrifolio.

We were blessed with the attendance of non-FAC members. Joe & Denyse Hayward drove their red, 1988 spider 100 miles up from Ft. Myers. Phil & Mary Kotsios, who the Radys met at this year's National Convention in Rhode Island, were down from Massachusetts visiting their daughter, Tina, in Tampa. Bill Caldwell and Mary Hill came in their impeccably detailed 1978 Porsche.

With tradition, the cars were judged by the ladies only. Each car was given a number and each woman was given a slip of paper to write the number of her favorite car on. This often results, naturally, in many cars receiving one vote each but this year one car received half of the votes. It was the Picot's beautifully restored GTV pictured here.



**The Alfa Gang and Friends**



**Mary, Tina & Kotsios from visiting from Massachusetts**



## Recent Events: FAC Annual Christmas Party

# A very Greene Christmas

Alfano's Italian Restaurant, the perfect place for an Alfa Christmas gathering and it just happens to be located in Clearwater, FL, the hub of the Florida Alfa Club. And that's where FAC has held its Christmas gathering for many years.

Around the circular, valet, driveway were parked some 10 Alfas: Delmas & Polly Greene's 1960 Vignale Berlinetta; Harmon & Jo Heed's blond, 1964 spider abnormale; John & Cheryl Picot's burgundy, 1973 GTV 2000; Barry Andress' bright red 1983 spider veloce; Bob & Carolyn Scott's red, 1987 spider veloce; Jim Ferguson's red 1989 spider quadrifoglio; Dr. Dave & Elecita Wolf's white, 1991 spider quadrifoglio; and Jeff Hanson's red, 1993 red spider quadrifoglio.

Inside we had our own sunlit room just off the entrance. The Christmas tree was decorated and our handsome waiter, Bob, circulated serving drinks and hors d'oeuvres as we socialized. When seated the business part was quick. The Glass Volante\* was passed from 2015 president Frank Mann to 2016 president Bob Scott. Bob made a couple of announcements about two great upcoming events, the polo match at the Sarasota Polo Club on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.

Once seated the gift giving began by our Patroness of Christmas, Polly Greene. Every couple or single attendee received a bag of gifts that made it a very special "Greene Christmas."



**Our Hostess and Guiding Force: Polly Greene**



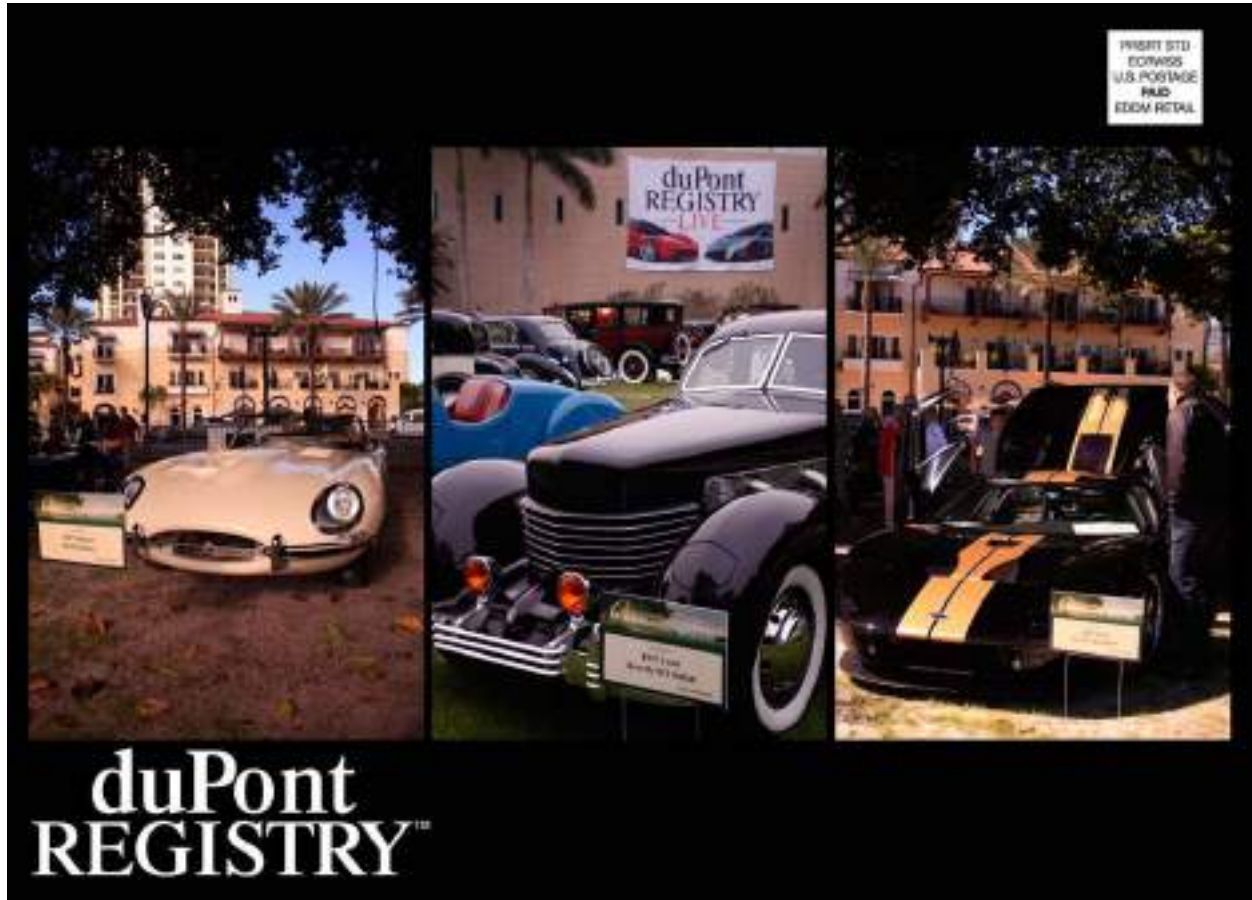








## Upcoming Events: DuPont Registry Car Show



While many of you are familiar with the DuPont Cars & Coffee events held at their corporate headquarters monthly, they will hold an expanded car show in downtown St. Petersburg Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>. We attended the first show and it was a lot of fun with easy access to downtown shops and right next to the Museum. If you are interested in attending find the registration form below. It is a great location for a car show.



DuPont Cars & Coffee Special Car Show Event in Down Town St. Petersburg  
Registration Form. This show is limited to 150 cars. Fill out your registration form  
and attach a photo of your car then send the form to:

Tina Nyp at [tnyp@dupontregistry.com](mailto:tnyp@dupontregistry.com)

# duPont REGISTRY™

**Cars and Coffee**  
**St. Petersburg, FL**  
January 16, 2016

<b>Year</b>	
<b>Make</b>	
<b>Model</b>	
<b>Owner</b>	

<b>Years Owned</b>

<b>Hometown</b>

<b>Special Notes:</b>

<b>E-Mail Address:</b>
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**Upcoming Events:**

*The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Devereaux – Kaiser  
Car Meet*

*Cars 1991 and Older*

*Sunday – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016*

*From 8:00AM till 3:00PM*

*Hosted by Suncoast Region AACA*

*12205 on Ranglewood Parkway in Lakewood Ranch*

*Public Welcome – Free Admission*

*No Entry Fee or Judging*

*For More Information Contact: Ed Smith @ 941-924-0343*

This is a great free event the same morning as our Polo Match for those who would like to drive down early and participate in this show for a couple of hours before driving over to the Polo Fields around 11:00AM

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](mailto:rlscott007@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events: Sarasota Exotic Car Fest



### *2016 Schedule of Events*

Friday Feb. 19    Luxury Lifestyle - Jet Port Party

\* Saturday Feb. 20    Sarasota Exotics Concours/Downtown Sarasota

\* 10:am – 4:pm    Display cars and judging activity

Sunday Feb. 21    Exotic Road Rally & Closing Brunch

To reserve a spot to display your Alfa Romeo with Florida Alfa Club members, click link below, select **GET TICKETS** and complete car registration information, checkout form.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sarasota-exotic-car-fest-weekend-of-events-tickets-18694128642?aff=erelexporg>

For additional event information, contact Bob Prancevic, FAC Event Chair - [rjpwriter@comcast.net](mailto:rjpwriter@comcast.net) or call 941-928-9262.

For detailed information about the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest event and Google Map **GET DIRECTIONS** tool, visit their Web site at

<http://sarasotaexoticcarfest.com/>



## Upcoming Events: The B.I.G. Car Show



### The Fourth Annual B.I.G. European Sports and Collector Car Show

(British, Italian & German)

**Sunday, March 06, 2016**

**Jaycee Park, 4215 SE 20 Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904**

**(Rain or Shine)**

Sponsored by

**Triumphs of Southwest Florida, (TSWFL)**

We have another opportunity this year for various clubs to have their members share with fellow enthusiasts and the public their enjoyment and experiences of owning a **B.I.G.** European sports or collector car.



This car show is free to the public and open to all **B.I.G.** European sports and collector cars, vintage and modern, on Sunday, March 06, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Awards will be given out at 2:00 p.m. Participating cars can enter between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Participants will vote for their favorite cars within each class. This show will feature European sports & collector cars, raffle items, 50/50 drawing, vendor tables and food and drink supplied by **St. Andrew's Boy Scout Troop 34**.

**Preregistration will end on February 26th.** Pre-registered cars will receive goody-bags and dash plaques.  
Go to: [www.tswfl.org](http://www.tswfl.org) for The **B.I.G.** Show Registration Form

REGISTRATION FEES:

Pre-Registration, (pre-registration ensures you will be parked in your class during the show and we have the correct number of trophies) First Car is **\$25.00**. Additional cars are \$20.00 each. Car registered after Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, are all **\$30.00**.

**The Event Coordinator**, Dennis McKinley, can be contacted at (239) 283-1534 or [dennis-mckinley@comcast.net](mailto:dennis-mckinley@comcast.net)

**Are you coming from out of town to be in the 2016 B.I.G. Show?**

We are glad you can make it, so we have left the light on and made arrangements with the Casa Loma Motel to hold a block of 12 rooms **until Friday, February 5, 2016** with a reasonable rate for March 5<sup>th</sup> and/or 6<sup>th</sup>. The Motel is 1.5 miles or 3 minutes from Jaycee Park. When you make your reservation, mention **"The Triumph Club"**, so they know to connect you the same block of rooms before the release date of February 5<sup>th</sup>. After our cutoff date the room prices increase for the Snow Bird season.

Casa Loma Motel,  
3608 Del Prado Blvd South,  
Cape Coral, Florida 33904,  
Phone: 877-CASALOMA or 239-549-6000



Another Option close to Jaycee Park is the **Holiday Inn Express**, but they are **not** holding rooms for us.  
**1538 Cape Coral Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL 33904, (800) 345-8082**





**The fourth Annual B.I.G. European Sports and Collector Car Show**

(British, Italian & German)

**Sunday, March 06, 2016**

The final number of individual classes will be determined by number of cars Pre-registered by Feb 21, 2016. Two or more cars of the same make and model that are pre-registered will be in their own class. Classes that have only one car registered in it will be moved into their **B.I.G Other Class**. First Place Trophies will be awarded to classes with two or three cars, four cars in a class will have two trophies and five or more cars will have three trophies. **Kit Car will be display only, not voted on.**

<b>British Car Classes</b>	Triumph Side Curtain  (TR2 thru TR3B)  (4 cyl) <b># B 1</b>	Triumph TR4 & TR4A  (4 cyl) <b># B 2</b>	Triumph Spitfire & TR7  (4 cyl) <b># B 3</b>	Triumph  TR250, TR6 Metal Bumpers & GT6  (6 cyl) <b># B 4</b>	TR6 1974 - 1976 Rubber Overriders  (6 cyl) <b># B 5</b>	Triumph TR8 & Stag  (8 Cyl) <b># B 6</b>	MG Midget  (4 cyl) <b># B 7</b>	MG T-Series  (4 cyl) <b># B 8</b>	MGA, MGB & GT with Metal Bumpers  (4 cyl) <b># B 9</b>
MGB Rubber Bumper, (4 cyl) <b># B 10</b>	Jaguar XKE & XJS  (6 cyl) <b># B 11</b>	Jaguar XK & F  (8 cyl) <b># B 12</b>	Jaguar XKE & XJS  (12 cyl) <b># B 13</b>	Jaguar Sedans  (6, 8 & 12 cyl) <b># B 14</b>	Austin Healey  100 (4 cyl) <b># B 15</b>	Austin Healey 100 & 3000  (6 cyl) <b># B 16</b>	Austin Healey Sprite  (4 cyl) <b># B 17</b>	Lotus  (4 cyl) <b># B 18</b>	Mini Cooper  (3&4 cyl) <b># B 19</b>
Morgan (4&8 cyl) <b># B 20</b>	Morse (4 cyl) <b># B 21</b>	<b>Other British</b> <b># B 22</b>							
<b>Italian Car Classes</b>	Alfa Soft Top <b># I 1</b>	Alfa Hard Top <b># I 2</b>	Fiat & Lancia <b># I 3</b>	Ferrari <b># I 4</b>	<b>Other Italian</b> <b># I 5</b>				
<b>German Car Classes</b>	Audi <b># G 1</b>	BMW <b># G 2</b>	Mercedes <b># G 3</b>	Porsche Soft Top <b># G 4</b>	Porsche Hard Top <b># G 5</b>	Volkswagen <b># G 6</b>	<b>Other German</b> <b># G 7</b>		
<b>Modified Class (Not an original type engine block)</b>	All Modified B.I.G Cars <b># M1</b>								

**Complete the Registration Form on Page 2 and mail with check.**

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Sunday, March 06, 2016

## SHOW REGISTRATION FORM

### REGISTRATION FEES:

Pre-registration will end on Sunday February 21st. Pre-registered cars **will** be parked in their class and will receive goody-bags and dash plaques. After Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> there is **no** guarantee you will be parked with your class!!

### Pre-Registration:

First Car is **\$25.00**. Additional Cars are **\$20.00** each. **Car registered after Feb. 21st, are all \$30.00.**

Print Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_, Is a Kit Car \_\_\_\_\_

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### Drivers entering the show must agree to this Wavier of Liability by their signature and date below.

**Waiver of Liability:** *Neither I nor my heirs will hold the Triumphs of Southwest Florida or the City of Cape Coral liable for any injury, death or damage occurring while engaged in or traveling to or from this event.*

Driver's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This show is open to all B.I.G. European sports and collector cars, vintage and modern. This show is being held on Sunday March 06, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Jaycee Park, Cape Coral, FL. Participating cars may enter the show any time between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Voting is from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Trophies will be awarded at 2:00 p.m.

**Send Completed Show Registration Form and Check, Made Out To Triumphs of Southwest Florida To:**

**Douglas Canfield  
3299 Potomac Court,  
Naples, FL 34120**

## **Up Coming Events:**

### **December 2015 Events:**

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

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

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

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

DuPont Cars & Coffee on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 AM

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

### **January 2016 Events:**

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

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

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

DuPont Cars & Coffee on January 16<sup>th</sup>, Special Car Show in St Petersburg 7-9 AM – Frank Mann

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

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

### **February 2016 Events:**

FAC business meeting, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> dinner 6:30, meeting 7:30

Tech Session (Delmas) Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 2:00PM

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars and Coffee, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 10:00

DuPont Cars and Coffee, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> St. Pete, 7 – 9:00A

Sarasota Exotic Car Fest Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> (Prancevic)

Sebring Vintage Cars – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

Philippe Park (Sarasota) Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Cars and Coffee, 8:00 – 10:00AM

## Cars for Sale:



### Car for Sale: 1991 Alfa Romeo 164:

Jane has decided to sell her beloved 91 Alfa Romeo 164. The Alfa has 205,000 miles on it, but only 141,000 miles on the engine. The car is straight with no accidents. No rust. Always garaged. Synthetic oil always. Service records from new. New clutch and clutch hydraulics. Drives great. Leather seats and alloy wheels. Pictures available on request. \$3000 OBO. Call Bart Bartel at 386-385-3300 or email at [alfabart@aol.com](mailto:alfabart@aol.com)





## **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.

## **Alfa Update:**

A long time FAC member Dave Wilson, aka Trio Con Brio Dave, has been collecting rare Alfas and Alfa parts for the better part of 60 years as anyone who have visited his numerous warehouses can attest to. Due to ongoing health related issues, Dave and his lovely wife need to sell everything, so anyone looking for a rare spider, Duetto, or GTV or two truck-loads (and I mean large trucks) of hard to find Alfa parts please give Dave a call at 727-526-1378 or at [mzpat877@msn.com](mailto:mzpat877@msn.com)

Bill Kelly and Chip Denyko both just had Hip replacement surgery.

Bill is in the rehabilitation center in St Petersburg and doing quite well considering what he went through.

Apollo Rehabilitation Center  
1000 24th St, North  
St Petersburg, FL  
727-828-3948

Chip just had his surgery today and is in the midst of recovering, seemingly very well at Tampa General Hospital. If everything heals well, he plans to do his rehabilitation at home.

Keep them both in your prayers.

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Fax: 863-595-2172  
Jon@FIATofWinterHaven.com  
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Contact the FAC for Dealer Recommendations and Club Membership: [www.floridaalfaclub.org](http://www.floridaalfaclub.org)

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

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FIATofWinterHaven.com

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**Gearworks**  
1410 N. Hercules Ave.  
Clearwater, FL. 33765  
PH: 727-784-0452  
[www.aggearworks.com](http://www.aggearworks.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.

**N2MB Racing**  
PH: 732-272-4080  
[Jay@n2mb.com](mailto:Jay@n2mb.com)

For the racing or speed enthusiasts, a new performance shop just opened up next door to Cars & Concepts near the Tampa airport. They have experience programming Haltec, Motec, and Alpha-N stand-alone engine computers as well as having an in ground Dyno on site for getting the most out of your car's performance.



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 still in restoration. Send us your photos.

Frank Mann

Vice-President Florida Alfa Club

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