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Volume 3 Issue 1

Editorial Comments: The 2016 season is just beginning – Come Join us!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for January 2016.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo Duettottanta - This is one great ¾ shot of the car



More Shots of the Alfa Spider:

Do the Italians know how to design a car or what?



Just as interesting from the rear too.



Alfa Article: The Alfa Spider Turns 50 Years Old

Note: Courtesy of Hemmings Daily

Along came a Spider: Alfa Romeo's beloved open-air sports car turns 50



The Pininfarina-designed two-seat roadster debuted by Alfa Romeo in 1966 was not the company's first attempt at building a Spider, but it was by far its most successful. Even today, over two decades after the last new Alfa Romeo Spider model was offered on these shores, the car remains the brand's most-recognized product, thanks in part to its starring role in the 1967 blockbuster, *The Graduate*. As Italian semi-exotics go, the Spider is an attainable dream car, and in 2016, the Giulia-based Alfa Romeo Spider celebrates its golden anniversary.

The term "spider" (always with an "i" and not a "y" when speaking of Italian cars) refers to any lightweight sporting roadster, but its evolution goes farther back than the automobile. Originally, a "spyder phaeton" was a lightweight and open-top horse carriage, built with two or four wheels, and the name logically carried over to the automobile in the early days of the 20th century. While Alfa certainly produced such vehicles in the prewar years, its Giulietta Spider was the first Alfa Romeo marketed with the Spider name, debuting in 1955.

Alfa Article: The Alfa Spider Turns 50 Years Old Continued



1969 Alfa Romeo 1750 Spider Veloce, owned by Rick Mahrle.

In 1962, Alfa Romeo debuted the Giulia (known as the 105-series), which replaced the 101-series Giulietta. Ultimately, the Spider would migrate to this platform, but more commercially desirable sedan and wagon variants were introduced first. Design partner Pininfarina went back to concept cars for the new Spider's styling, choosing elements from the 1956 Super Flow, the 1957 Super Flow 2, the 1959 Tre S, and the 1961 Giulietta Spider Speciale Aerodinamica (which came closest in appearance to the production variant).

It would take another four years for Alfa Romeo to introduce the new Spider, which first appeared in March of 1966 at the Geneva Motor Show. Oddly enough, it debuted without an official name, referred to as the "Spider 1600" for the size of the four-cylinder engine beneath its sloping hood. A contest was announced to choose the name of the new Alfa, and in July of 1966 the car became the Alfa Romeo Duetto Spider (at least temporarily).



1973 Alfa Romeo 2000 Spider Veloce, owned by Russ Staub.

On paper, the new Duetto Spider had much to offer. Its all-alloy engine featured steel cylinder liners for durability, and its double-overhead cam design and hemispherical heads spoke to Alfa's racing past. At a time when four-speed transmissions were the norm, the Duetto Spider came with a five-speed, and four-wheel disc brakes were standard instead of the typical front-disc, rear-drum arrangement. All this came at a price, however, and in certain markets (Britain, for example), the Alfa was more expensive than the Lotus Elan and less than 100 pounds (then, \$280) cheaper than a Jaguar E-type. In America, its \$3,950 sticker price made it \$1,343 more expensive than an MGB and \$1,051 more than a Triumph TR4A.



1985 Alfa Romeo Spider Graduate, owned by Bill Greenslade.

Though pricing certainly impacted initial sales, it was the car's styling that proved most controversial. Even Italians panned the lines of the Duetto Spider, referring to it as "*osso di sepia*," or "cuttlefish bone," a jab at its boattail rear styling. As Chris Rees points out in *Original Alfa Romeo Spider*, *Road & Track* called its shape, "a contrived design with meaningless styling gimmicks," while *Motor Sport* was even more blunt, calling the Alfa "scarcely pretty." It's ironic, perhaps, that the original cars, which lasted until the Kamm tail debuted in 1969, now carry the highest price tags.



The cabin of Bill's 1985 Spider.

In America, the Duetto Spider disappeared for 1968, unable to meet U.S. emission control regulations with its dual-carburetor setup. In 1969, the Spider reappeared on these shores without the Duetto name (which had been dropped worldwide due to trademark conflicts), but equipped with Spica fuel injection and a larger, 1,779-cc four-cylinder engine. Instead of promoting this as a 1.8-liter, Alfa Romeo instead opted to refer to it as a 1,750; as Terry Shea points out in the [May 2015 issue](#) of *Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car*, this was done as a nod to the company's prewar 6C 1750, which proved dominant in prewar European racing.

The Kamm tail appeared for the 1970 model year, and as bumper regulations grew more complex, the distinctive Alfa Romeo grille became little more than a secondary styling element. The engine upsized again in 1972, to 1,962 cc, where it would remain for the rest of the Spider's production. When the Giulia platform was phased out in 1976, the Spider was supposed to die with it, but the proposed Alfetta-based replacement never materialized. Instead, the Spider stayed the course on its old platform, soldiering on until the 1993 model year, though a limited number were produced for the United States in 1994, Alfa Romeo's last year in the U.S. until the exotic 8C debuted in 2008.



1992 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce, owned by Arno Leskinen.

The Mazda Miata-based Fiat Spider that will debut in 2016 was originally intended to be a new Alfa Romeo Spider, but perhaps it's best to remember the roadster that was instead of the multinational product that might have been. For a generation of Americans that were introduced to the joys (and pitfalls) of Italian sports cars by the Alfa Romeo Spider, there's no denying that it left a lasting impression.

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 down town St. Petersburg Saturday January 16th. 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

duPont REGISTRY™

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

Year	
Make	
Model	
Owner	

Years Owned

Hometown

Special Notes:

E-Mail Address:

Upcoming Events:

*The 47th Annual
Devereaux – Kaiser
Car Meet*

Cars 1991 and Older

Sunday – January 31st, 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

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 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 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. 26th, are all **\$30.00**.

The Event Coordinator, Dennis McKinley, can be contacted at (239) 283-1534 or 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 5th and/or 6th. 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 5th. 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.**

British Car Classes	Triumph Side Curtain (TR2 thru TR3B) (4 cyl) # B 1	Triumph TR4 & TR4A (4 cyl) # B 2	Triumph Spitfire & TR7 (4 cyl) # B 3	Triumph TR250, TR6 Metal Bumpers & GT6 (6 cyl) # B 4	TR6 1974 - 1976 Rubber Overriders (6 cyl) # B 5	Triumph TR8 & Stag (8 Cyl) # B 6	MG Midget (4 cyl) # B 7	MG T-Series (4 cyl) # B 8	MGA, MGB & GT with Metal Bumpers (4 cyl) # B 9
MGB Rubber Bumper, (4 cyl) # B 10	Jaguar XKE & XJS (6 cyl) # B 11	Jaguar XK & F (8 cyl) # B 12	Jaguar XKE & XJS (12 cyl) # B 13	Jaguar Sedans (6, 8 & 12 cyl) # B14	Austin Healey 100 (4 cyl) # B 15	Austin Healey 100 & 3000 (6 cyl) # B 16	Austin Healey Sprite (4 cyl) # B 17	Lotus (4 cyl) # B 18	Mini Cooper (3&4 cyl) # B19
Morgan (4&8 cyl) # B20	Morse (4 cyl) # B21	Other British # B22							
Italian Car Classes	Alfa Soft Top # I 1	Alfa Hard Top # I 2	Fiat & Lancia # I 3	Ferrari # I 4	Other Italian # I 5				
German Car Classes	Audi # G 1	BMW # G 2	Mercedes # G 3	Porsche Soft Top # G 4	Porsche Hard Top # G 5	Volkswagen # G 6	Other German # G 7		
Modified Class (Not an original type engine block)	All Modified B.I.G Cars # M1								

Complete the Registration Form on Page 2 and mail with check.
The Fourth Annual B.I.G. European Sports and Collector Car Show
(British, Italian & German)

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. 21st 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 _____

Year: _____ Make & Model: _____ Class: _____, Is a Kit Car _____

Year: _____ Make & Model: _____ Class: _____, Is a Kit Car _____

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: Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance 2016
March 11-13th 2016 at the Ritz Carlton on Amelia Island**



Event Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

The Shop at the Concours

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Santa Maria 1

RM Sotheby's Amelia Island Sale Preview

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom & Ocean Front Lawn

For more information: www.rmsothebys.com or call (800) 211-4371 or (519) 352-4575

Open to Public, Thursday morning by appointment

The Amelia Island Concours Silent Auction

3:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Plaza 1

Guardians of Porsche Wine Maker's Dinner

6:30 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Talbot Ballroom

\$295 per person. Reservations required: www.ameliaconcours.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

The Porsche Driving Experience

7 a.m.

Departs from the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. Driver's meeting at 7 a.m. Activities to include a high-speed ride in the latest Porsche and an entrant participation autocross.

\$250 per car (2 people included). Open to the Public – Reservations Required:

www.ameliaconcours.org

**Ownership of a Porsche is not required. Must be 18 years of age to participate in the high-speed experience portion of the event.*

Reliable Carriers Eight Flags Road Tour

8:30 a.m.

Departs from The Ritz-Carlton main driveway. The tour stops at various points on and around Amelia Island and concludes with a public display and lunch in downtown Fernandina Beach.

Open to Concours Registered Vehicles Only

The Shop at the Concours

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Santa Maria 1

Test Drives – Various Manufacturers

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton & The Golf Club of Amelia Island, Front Driveway

Complimentary

Automobilia and Luxury Lifestyle Merchants

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

Open to Public

RM Sotheby's Amelia Island Sale Preview

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom & Ocean Front Lawn

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Open to Public

The Amelia Island Concours Silent Auction

10:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Plaza 1

Book Signings**Various times throughout the day**

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Talbot Pre-Function

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The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Talbot Pre-Function

The Power Brokers Seminar Presented by Shell/Penzoil**3 p.m.**

Tommy Kendall hosts a panel with some of the top engine builders from NASCAR, Sports Cars, Open Wheel Racing and Drag Racing to tell stories and discuss how engines and competition changed with technology through the years. Roger Bailey – *McLaren*; Spenny Clendenen – *Richard Childress Racing*; Don Garlits; Ed Pink – *Ed Pink Engines*; Alwin Springer – *Porsche Motorsports* and Leonard Wood – *Wood Brothers Racing* .

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Talbot Ballroom

\$35 per person – Tickets can be purchased online www.ameliaconcours.org or at the door on the day of the event. Open to the Public. Limited Seating.

RM Sotheby's Amelia Island Reception**7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom & Ocean Front Lawn

*For more information, email Lauren Udzbina**lauren@rmsothebys.com or call**(800) 211-4371 or (519) 352-4575**Registered Bidders Only***[duPont Registry Live Aeroport Reception \(click here for more details\)](#)****7 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

The Fernandina Beach Airport

\$150 per person. For more information, please call Tim Webber at (407) 649-9190

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

MotorXpo**8 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

Vendors and cars on display on the first hole of the Golf Club of Amelia Island

*Free Admission***Cars & Coffee at the Concours presented by Heacock Classic Car Insurance****9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Over 250 classic and exotic cars from local car clubs will be displayed on the 10th and 18th fairways of the Golf Club of Amelia Island. Vehicles must be pre-registered to participate

Free Admission

The Shop at the Concours

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Santa Maria 1

Automobilia and Luxury Lifestyle Merchants

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

Open to Public

Test Drives – Various Manufacturers

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton & The Golf Club of Amelia Island, Front Driveway

Complimentary

The Amelia Island Concours Silent Auction

10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Plaza 1

BMW Drivers of the Ultimate Driving Machine Seminar Presented by Kelly Services

10:30 a.m.

Tommy Kendall moderates a panel of racing greats that will share stories from their years racing for BMW. Panel includes: Bill Auberlen, David Cowart, David Hobbs, Sam Posey, Brian Redman, Boris Said and Hans-Joachim Stuck ·

The Ritz-Carlton, Talbot Ballroom · \$35 per person · Limited seating

Poster signing follows seminar

\$35 per person – Tickets can be purchased online www.ameliaconcours.org or at the door on the day of the event. Open to the Public. Limited Seating.

RM Sotheby's Amelia Island Auction

11 a.m.

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

Admission is for registered bidders, sellers and qualified media only. For more information, visit www.rmsothebys.com or call (800) 211-4371 or (519) 352-4575

Book Signings

Various times throughout the day

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Talbot Pre-Function

Cocktail Reception

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Talbot Pre-Function and Colonnade

By Invitation Only

Mercedes-Benz Gala Dinner

Honoring Hans-Joachim Stuck

7:30 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island - Talbot Ballroom
Black Tie Optional, Reservations Required: www.ameliaconcours.org
By Invitation Only

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Golf Club of Amelia Island

10th & 18th Fairways

General Admission Adult: \$120/\$95*

General Admission Student 12- 18 years old: \$50

General Admission Children under 12: admitted free with paying adult ticket.

Active Duty Military and immediate family: \$50 with Active Duty ID available on site only.

General Admission with early entry (8:30 a.m.): \$150* Limited quantities.

9:45 a.m.

Honoree Hans-Joachim Stuck enters the show field from the Awards Tent

10:30 a.m.

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

11:00 a.m.

Chairman's Welcome

National Anthem

Flyover

Judges Introduction

11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Awards Presentation – Awards Tent. Presentation includes Best in Show, Best in Class, Amelia and Corporate Awards.

Club Amelia: \$500* per person includes: admission to the Concours, VIP parking, collector program, continental breakfast, lunch, snack, three drink tickets and cash bar. Limited availability.

Concours and More: \$225* per person includes: General Admission ticket with early entry (8:30 a.m.), event poster and lunch inside The Ritz-Carlton. Limited availability.

*purchased in advance

Exhibitors

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

The Shop at the Concours

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Show Field, Golf Club of Amelia Island

Open to the Public With Show Ticket

MotorXpo

7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Vendors of Automobilia on the first hole of the Golf Club of Amelia Island

Open to the public

Book Signings

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Show Field, Golf Club of Amelia Island – in James Edition Midway

Open to the Public With Show Ticket

Luxury Lifestyle Merchants

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

North end of the Show Field, Golf Club of Amelia Island

Open to the Public With Show Ticket

Automobilia

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Show Field, Golf Club of Amelia Island

Open to the Public With Show Ticket

Luxury Car Displays

Friday – Sunday

The Ritz-Carlton, Front Entrance



Cars & Coffee Application

Saturday March 12th

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY – DIFFICULT TO READ APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISCARDED

OWNER INFORMATION

Name:

Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

Home Phone:

Office Phone:

Cell Phone:

Fax:

E Mail:

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year: Make: Model:

CLUB AFFILIATION (IF ANY)

Club Name:

Up Coming Events

January 2016 Events:

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, 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. 31st – Sarasota Polo Fields – Bob Scott

February 2016 Events:

FAC business meeting, Feb 11th dinner 6:30, meeting 7:30

Tech Session (Delmas) Feb. 13th 10:00 to 2:00PM

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

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

Sarasota Exotic Car Fest Feb. 20th (Prancevic)

Sebring Vintage Cars – Feb. 27th

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

March 2016 Events:

B.I.G Car Show (Cape Coral), March 6th – 10:00AM-2:00PM (Frank)

FAC Business Meeting, Thursday March 10th - Dinner 6:30, 7:30 meeting

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee March 12th – 8:00-10:00AM

Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance – March 11-13th (Delmas)

DuPont Cars & Coffee – Saturday March 19th – St Pete – 7:00-9:00AM

FAC Road Rally – Tarpon Spring (March 19th) at Panera Bread at 9AM to Baypoint (Milt)

Phillippe Park Sarasota Cars & Coffee - March 26th – 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





Items Wanted:

Wanted: Seats from a 1986-93 spider. Do not have to be in pristine condition. Prefer tan. Must have shoulder strap guides and tracks. Harmon, (941) 726-9726

More Cars for Sale:

A very rare Alfa Romeo commissioned Callaway GTV 6. Originally delivered in Dearborn, Michigan late 1986 and spending most of its driving life in Park City, Utah. This Callaway GTV 6 is in completely original condition and is the only example known to exist with original paintwork, tools, books and keys. All components work as they should and the timing belt tensioner was updated to the new non- hydraulic style. This Callaway GTV 6 sports all original parts including the brake pads, dual disc clutch, even the period correct Goodyear VR tires. Even the sound system is as delivered new and works perfectly. Its underside is free of blemishes and still has the factory undercoating "wax" applied in most areas. Housed in the Chicago area, I have owned the car since 2000 and have only driven a handful of the 37,700 miles. This example won a "Certificato D' Oro" (Gold Medal) at the 2008 Alfa Romeo national convention. A 230 HP Italian beast- This is the rarest of the GTV 6 family and the most exciting to drive!

The Callaway GTV 6 was commissioned by Alfa Romeo North America in an effort to increase slumping sales and compete with the Maserati BiTurbo. The program was abandoned almost as quickly as it started and poor record keeping on Alfa's part puts production numbers between 34 and 36. In a recent conversation with Reeves Callaway he states "we didn't even get a chance to have the owner's manual printed".

More information and pictures upon request: ERGoldmann@msn.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

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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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.

Gearworks
1410 N. Hercules Ave.
Clearwater, FL. 33765
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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.

N2MB Racing
PH: 732-272-4080
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.

More Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area:

We have a Premier Fabrication and Restoration shop here in the Clearwater area called Tom Argue Design. They are capable of complete restorations with a full fabrication shop including custom upholstery and the latest paint capabilities all in one shop.

While Tom is nationally known for his muscle cars restorations, he has painted several German and Italian Exotics including two of my cars personally. We have all had ghosts stories about Painters in the past, well Tom is the exception. Not only is his work the best around, but he is a pleasure to deal with in the process. I would not hesitate to recommend him for any car.



Here is his latest creation a 1970 Chevelle Convertible Custom called the Destroyer



A BMW 650 Custom Interior in a 70 Chevelle! The car on Parade at SEMA recently



Tom Argue's Typical Engine work



Here is his contact information:

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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 still in restoration. Send us your photos.

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