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Editorial Comments: Details of the Several recent events and much more coming down the road!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for February 2016.

Car Name: Whatever it is - add it to my collection!



More Interesting Alfa Romeo Imagines: Note: Courtesy of Sports Car Digest

Alfa Romeo 6C Competizione Coupe – 1948



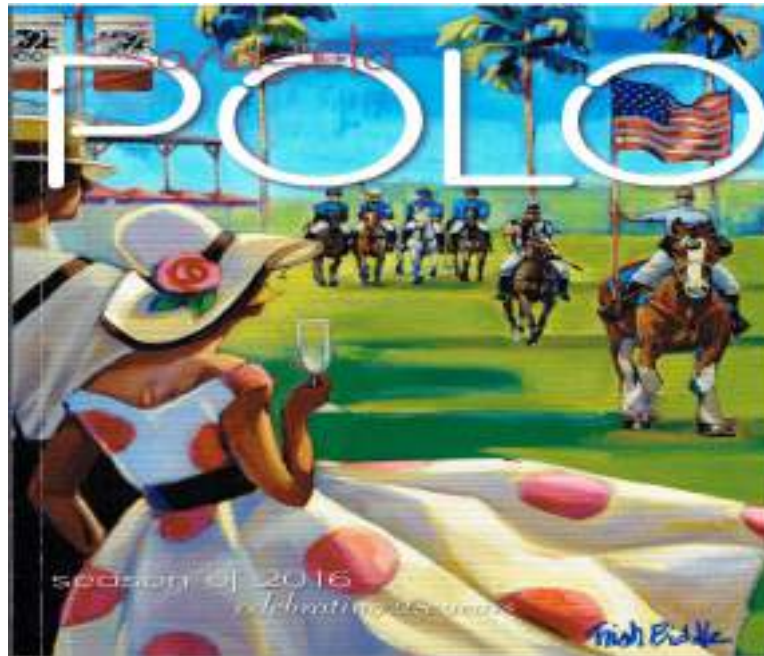
Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Berlinetta – 1938



Alfa Romeo Tipo 332 Daytona Coupe – 1967



Recent Events: Sarasota Polo Event 2016 - By: Harmon Heed



Record Turnout and Score at the 2016 Polo Game

While a cold front was burying the Midwest, Northeast and Atlantic Coast, the Florida Alfa Club and guests enjoyed a mid-winter, shirt sleeve day at the Sarasota Polo Club on Sunday, January 31st. A little overcast kept the temperature down in the low seventies, let the ladies take their wide brims off (think Julia Roberts in “Pretty Women”) and got the spectators out from under the tent and into their sideline chairs.

This has become a FAC annual event and this year the event chair and current FAC president, Bob Scott, promoted it to the largest turnout ever. By giving 64 people a great winter day outdoors, watching thoroughbreds romp and riders wallop, Bob put almost \$200 into the club coffers! With the food on the “tail gates” and tent table a lot of us put more pounds in our bellies.

Included in the FAC attendees were former FAC and AROC-USA pres, Chip Denyko, in his fly yellow 91 spider; Jim Ferguson in his red, 1989 quad spider; Jeff Hanson and Joann in his red, like new 1993 spider; Harmon & Jo in their blond, 1964 Giulia spider abnormale; Gary & Candice Jones in their red, better than showroom new, 1964 Giulia spider veloce; Vinny Pantone in his bat black, very clean 1986 spider (Vinny bought nine tickets and brought his whole family but not all in the spider); John & Cheryl Picot in their restored, burgundy, 1974 GTV 2000; Bob & Sue Prancevic in their ravishing red 1976 spider; Bob & Linda Rady in their 100+, anthracite, 1984 GTV6 Maratona; and Bob & Carolyn Scott’s immaculate 1987 spider with a “spread” on the tail.

Recent Events: Sarasota Polo Event 2016 Continued



The game this year was of a higher caliber than we are sometimes provided, with a total score of 26 goals. The higher the score the better the polo. The closer the score the better the polo. The final score was 14-12. A game on year! And, to add to the excitement, two players were thrown and their horses “went loose”. Fortunately, neither players nor horses were hurt and both horses ended up loping home to the barn.

The number of “SWFL”s (South West Florida AROC) members/cars that caravanned up almost equaled the FAC attendance. They included Joe Hayward in his polished up, red, 1986 spider; Jim & Barbara Higgins that showed us how to tailgate from a Fiat Cinquecento; Dan & Ruth Karolyshyn in their owned since new and it still looks new, ivory, 1986 spider; Ray Labrosse in his snow white 1991 Spider; Bob & Theresa Lombardo with a “banchetto” spread out on the tail of their spotless, red 1992 spider; Sarasota native, Ian Nicolson, in his very nice chianti, 1974 GTV 2000; Alain Raymond in his province Fiat Scorpion and Joe Stigliano in his red spider with the deck bedecked with Italian sandwiches.

In addition to those cars were a few classy Corvettes and English sports cars including a very classic 1954 Austin Healy 100/4. An added feature of the gathering was that, right beside our Alfas, was a rare, 2011 Tesla 2.5S roadster that resembles the size and styling of the 2015 Alfa 4C. It also had wide sills, very low seats and minimal trunk space. Its license was “110 VOLT.” In front of it was an S model sedan with the license “220 VOLT.”

Recent Events: Sarasota Polo Event 2016 Continued



Unfortunately, the storms up north brought rain to Sarasota the week prior to the match and the field was wet so, for the first time in many years, the club wasn't allowed to parade its "portello ponies" around the field at half time. That is always a high-lite and the spectators always come out and clap and take photos! A rain like that won't happen for many more years. It was an exciting, galloping great day . . . mark your calendars for next year at the Sarasota Polo Club and bring your friends to watch the "King of Sports!"



Recent Events: Sarasota Polo Event 2016 Continued

Chip Denyko's 93 Spider Veloce (it is actually yellow) Dennis & Shari Thraen's wrapped for racing spider



Gary Jones Beautiful 1964 Giulia Spider & Bob Scott

Ian Nicolson's very nice 1974 GTV



Alain Raymond's Fiat Scorpion

Jim & Barbara Higgin's creative use of their Cinquecento Fiat 500



Recent Events: Sarasota Polo Event 2016 Continued

Joe Stagliano's sandwiched Spider Deck



Polly Green & Carolyn Scott at the Scott's spider



Vinny Pantone and Family



Vinny Pantone's nice ebony Spider



2011 Tesla 2.5 S Model all electric



Recent Events: Sarasota Polo Event 2016 Continued

Join us next year as this event continues to grow



Recent Event: Alfa Tech Session 2016 - By: Harmon Heed

A Valentine Tech Session



On February 13th seventeen Florida Alfa Club members gathered at Delmas & Polly Greene's home in Clearwater Florida for a Tech Session. The session was held in their concrete block garage. Because it was the day before Valentine's, they weren't worried about a mafia interruption putting more red on the walls.

The subject of the session was the differences between Alfa models of the 1950s through the 1990s. The Greene's had chairs set up just inside the big, garage door, facing in to the "show room" looking garage with walls covered with Alfa signs and posters. Against the rear wall was Delmas' recently restored 1956 Giulietta spider. Just outside the garage was a table of hors d'oeuvres and cold drinks. Just beyond that was a table for the ladies. Thirteen men sat in the chairs; four ladies sat outside in the shade at the table.

Delmas started the session right on time, at 10:00 AM, discussing the differences between the 1965-74 GTVs: the 1600, 1750 and 2000. To assist him Barry Andress and John Picot brought their 1972 and 1973 recently restored 2000 beauties. Delmas also provided some asides about the rarer GT Jr. and GTA. With the presence of John Rady's GTV6 "Maratona" it was easy to show the difference between the GTVs, Alfetta GTs and the GTV6.

Then Delmas went on to the spiders, beginning with the 1967 Duetto "Graduate" spider that made Alfa Romeo and Dustin Hoffman famous in the movie of the same name. For an example, he used a scale model Barry provided showing the differences between the 1600 Duetto and the 1969, 1750 "round tail." Too bad a real 1600 Duetto and Delmas' 1750 "round-tail" spiders were not available.

Recent Events: Tech Session Continued:



About then Harmon Heed rolled up in his Giulia spider so Delmas switched to the differences between the 750 Series Giulietta 1300cc and 101 Giulia 1600cc spiders. Parked next to each other it was easy to explain. Giuliettas had drum brakes, early ones two shoe and later ones three shoes. Early Giulias had discs in front and later ones had discs front and rear. Delmas even measured the differences between the two and showed where the Giulietta, in 1959, was lengthened in the cockpit/door 2 ½", a wind vent was added and these changes continued on to the Giulia. He pointed out the easy way to tell the difference between the two models was that the chrome strip on the Giulietta hood runs fore and aft and on the Giulia it runs athwart providing a vent raising the hood enough to fit the larger engine in. He also pointed out that the veloce models like Harmon's have the engine tilted twelve degrees to allow room for the twin Weber carbs and headers.

Next on the agenda were the prevalent "contemporary spiders," 1966-1995. Delmas explained the basic differences between the Series 1, 2, 3, & 4 and many of us were surprised that the series were almost aligned with the decades: Series 1, 1960s; Series 2, 1970s; Series 3, 1980s and Series 4, 1990s. There were three Series 3 cars there, John Picot's 1986 Veloce, Bob Scott's 1986 Quadrifoglio and Jim Ferguson's 1989 Quadrifoglio. Delmas continued, explaining the differences between the Series' models: the entry Graduate, the mid-level Veloce and the top level Quadrifoglio with the aerodynamic flaring.

The last item, thanks to the presence of John and Barry's GTVs and Delmas' Montreal, was the difference between SPICA mechanical fuel injection and Weber carburation. It was Delmas opinion that, because of better understanding of SPICA fuel injection systems over the last few years, it is now a more desirable fuel system than the twin Webber carbs that were so popular for so many years. More power, more torque and better fuel economy. If you can find a mechanic who knows how to work on SPICA injection.

Recent Events: Tech Session:

Then it was time for a late lunch. Delmas & Polly provided pork tenderloins and cold drinks and the attendees brought side dishes . . . fruit and potato salad, beans, salad, deviled eggs and dessert . . . cake, chocolate cookies, Key Lime pie and ice cream.

To top off the day and turn a session into a celebration, Polly handed out heart covered gift bags to all of the men to take to give to their Valentines the next day. The gift bags included a chocolate, Whitman Valentine's bar, candy kisses and nuts. Thank you Delmas, you are the club's institutional source of information; thank you Polly, you are the club's Valentine !



Recent Event: Cruisin” the Capital in Down Town Clearwater

The third annual “Cruisin” the Capital Car Show and Concert” took place in Down Town Clearwater Sunday February 14th. This show is sponsored by Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Capital Theater and is open to all types of vintage cars. It is free to the public as well as displayers. There was also a free concert by a professional band followed quickly by dancing in the street.



This event continues to grow every year with close to 300 cars this year’s show. In attendance from the Alfa Club were Barry Andress and his better half, Delmas and Polly Greene, as well as John Rady and myself Frank Mann.

Being an open show for Vintage cars – there were a lot of muscle cars, hot rods, and older Porsche’s as well as older classic cars like my little white car above. A show room quality level 1938 Packard won “Best in Show” this year.

The show organizers are hoping to continue to grow and appeal to a broader group of car owners potentially expanding the event to two consecutive days with more live music in the streets as well as on stage inside the Capital Theater. Mark this event down for next year!

Recent Events:



Sarasota Exotic Car Fest, Saturday, Feb 20. - By: Harmon Heed

Definitely an exotic day for the Florida Alfa Club . . . wonderful venue, wonderful weather and wonderful people to spend a day sharing Alfas, other exotic cars and friendship with. And it was all so perfectly organized!

We didn't get a precise count of all the cars but this show has returned to its Italian, exotic roots. There were 33 Ferraris, 11 Lamborghinis, 13 Alfa Romeos, three Maserati's and one Lancia. Yeah, there were the groupings of Rolls and Bentleys dealers but those guys pay big bucks for their entries and that helps keep our entry fees fairly low. Four McLarens in one block and a few Porsches and Aston Martins were scattered throughout the show. And one TR6. In the American block there were ten Vipers, one Mustang and two hot rods. So, a total of about 100 cars, parked diagonal on both sides of touristy Main Street, Sarasota.



Recent Events: Sarasota Exotic Car Fest continued:

Event chair, Bob Prancevic, put together the list of our cars early and garnered the top location in the show: smack dab in the middle, on the sunny side of the street with oak trees for shade and plenty of room for our chairs beneath. Behind us was the big, beautiful Baptist church so we had no shopper traffic. The only vender booth was for ice cream and it was delicious. If we went to our left there were Italian delis and restaurants; to our right French bistros. And down the middle of the street and sidewalks came the smiling spectators, young couples pushing baby carriages, families with playful children and friendly dogs on a leash and snowy haired snowbirds enjoying the Florida winter.



Bob and his wife, Sue, organized the parking ahead of time so there was no confusion upon arrival. In the middle was a red, 2016, 4C spider provided by Tony Gugliotta (a FAC member) at Sunset Alfa Romeo/Fiat in Sarasota. Next to it was the oldest car, Jim & Julie Harn's amaretto, 1955 Lancia Aurelia B24S. Jim's restored car has been on the grass at Amelia Island. To the left were the spiders: Delmas & Polly Greene's restored, white, 1956 Giulietta spider; Harmon & Jo Heed's blond, 1964 Giulia spider abnormale; Bob & Sue Prancevic's ravishing red, 1974 spider; Bob & Carolyn Scott's immaculate, red, 1987 spider Quadrifoglio; Joe Hayward's red, 1986 spider veloce; and Dan & Ruth Korolyshyn's lovely, ivory spider that Dan bought new in Hawaii in 1979.

On the hard top side were: Barry Andress' cherry red, 1972 GTV 2000; John Picot's burgundy, 1973 GTV 2000; John Rady's silver, 1984 GTV6 "Maratona"; Buddy & Marilyn Guynn's black and fairly rare, 1995 164LS; and Dr. Robert Snyder's extremely rare in the U.S., rosso, 1992 SZ ES30. Yes, the Z is for a Zagato body on a Milano chassis. This car was provided by Dino Sanzogni, the General Manager at Master Auto Technician in Sarasota. It had Italian license plates on the outside and a V6 "Arese" 3 litre, 12 valve, 210 hp engine under the hood. And it looked brand new.

Recent Events: Sarasota Exotic Car Fest:

With 13 cars in our area we were assigned our own Alfa Romeo Class and our winners were: Silver, John Picot's recently restored GTV; Gold, Buddy Guynn's exquisitely detailed 164LS; and Platinum, Jim Harn's like new, Lancia Aurelia.



Bob & Sue also prearranged luncheon reservations at El Greco Greek restaurant less than a block away down Main Street. Twenty of us were all seated at two adjacent tables by the window. The food was "nostima!" (that's Greek for delicious), the service good, the price was reasonable and there was no business talk, just friends sharing a lunch.



Recent Events: Sarasota Exotic Car Fest:

Special thanks to SWFLs (South West Florida AROC members) Buddy and Marilyn Guynn, smiling George Smith and Joe Hayward for driving all the way up from Ft. Myers. They left before the sun came up and stopped by Harmon & Jo's for a cup of warming coffee upon arriving in Sarasota. Joe, who had his spider top down, looked like a snowy bird when he pulled in to the Heed's driveway! To Gary & Marylee Roberts, the organizers of the show. And most of all, to Bob & Sue Prancevic who took care of all the details for us so we could relax and enjoy an exotic day!



Recent Events Continued:



Recent Events Continued: Polly Greene in a new Alfa 4C – I think she likes it!



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



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 _____

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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: 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

Up Coming Events: Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance 2016 continued:

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*

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

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Book Signings Various times throughout the day The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Talbot Pre-Function

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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.*

Up Coming Events: Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance 2016 continued:

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*

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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*

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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*

Up Coming Events: Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance 2016 continued:

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

Up Coming Events

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 – Lunch 11:30-2:00PM – Quaker State & Lub

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

April 2016 Events:

Festival of Speed (St Pete) Sunday April 3rd – Saturday the 9th - 8:30 AM (Barry)

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee – 8-10AM

FAC Business Meeting – Thursday April 14th – Lunch 11:00-1:00 – Anna Maria Oyster House Ellington

DuPont Cars & Coffee (St Pete) Saturday 16th – 7-9 AM

Cars recently Sold: Club Icon Changes Owners

John Rady sold his 1984 GTV6 “Maratona.” He purchased this car in 2003 and was only the second owner. He had owned two other “Maratonas” prior to this one. This car, always exquisitely detailed, became an icon in the Florida Alfa Club and often trophied at many meets. In 2010 it won “Best in Show” at the Alfa National Convention where the most informed and strictest Alfa judges preside.

Although there were almost 3,000 GTV6s, designed by Giorgetto Giugiaro (Ferrari, Maserati, Dino, DeTomaso, Alfa Giulia GTV) manufactured between 1984-87 only 150 “Maratonas” were produced, all in 1984. They were all stock, silver, 2.5 ltr, GTV6s when they arrived in the US and the modifications were made by Alfa Romeo in New Jersey. The new parts had to bolt on using the original, factory holes. Many of the parts were manufactured in Jacksonville by long time FAC member John Picot. Modifications included a front dam, side flares, clear engine view port, rear window louvers, lightweight Speedline wheels, Carello fog lamps, wood wheel and shift knob as well as “Maratona” badges inside and out.

The new owner lives in New Jersey. After getting a “heads up” from Frank Mann that the car might be for sale, he subsequently contacted FAC member Harmon Heed for a pre-purchase survey. Harmon’s reply was, “That car doesn’t require a survey.” The prospective buyer flew down to look at the car at the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on Saturday, February 20th. On Monday he had it mechanically inspected by Dino Sanzogni, General Manager at Master Auto Technician in Sarasota, and the deal closed immediately, seller and buyer very satisfied.

The buyer plans on keeping the car in Sarasota and joining the Florida Alfa Club so, hopefully, we’ll still be able to enjoy seeing this car for many more years!



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: ERGGoldmann@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.

More Business: Advertisers:

Space Available for Advertisers and Car dealers – contact the editor directly!

If you know of a shop that you have dealt with either for service, paint, or full restoration, ask them if they would like to advertise in the Monthly Notizia newsletter to reach a unique group of car enthusiast. This can include one or more of the new Alfa/Fiat dealers as well.

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
PH: 727-784-0452
www.agerworks.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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