

The logo for the Alfa Romeo Florida Alfa Club. It features the Alfa Romeo circular emblem on the left, followed by the words "Alfa Romeo" in a large, red, cursive script. Below this, the words "FLORIDA ALFA CLUB" are written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font, underlined by a red horizontal line.

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**Editorial Comments:** Details of the Naples B.I.G. Show and Amelia Island 2016



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for March 2016.

Car Name: Hans Stuck's race car at Amelia Island 2016 – It's an Alfa not a BMW this time.



## Recent Events: B.I.G Car Show



### The Fourth Annual B.I.G. European Sports and Collector Car Show (British, Italian & German)

The Rady's, Greene's and myself drove down to Cape Coral - almost Naples for this year's B.I.G. car show. Bob Lombardo was one of the host's and President of one of the three car clubs sponsoring the event this year. Bob joined us for dinner Saturday night upon our arrival.

This year the event was held in a new place, a park along the water with lots of shade from the sun which was very much appreciated. Last year's event was held on the property of a nice restaurant with food and drinks easily available, but this year only the boy scout's hot dogs and hamburgers were available. But the smart people that we are several of us came prepared with picnic baskets or bought fresh Cuban sandwiches at the local Cuban breakfast place we tried out.

A lot of BMW's this year. My 1973 BMW won the President's Award & Furthest Driven to the show!



As the show's name implies there were British, Italian, and German cars all in attendance, although unlike most shows in Naples the Italians were represented primarily by two Alfa Romeo clubs with only a single token Ferrari in the mix. Actually this guy had planned to bring his BMW but realized being the only Ferrari guaranteed he would win his class so he switched cars very quietly.

I won an award for driving the furthest to attend the show but only by two miles over John Rady – so we will share the trophy! John you have to come it!

## Recent Events: B.I.G Car Show – continued

Frank Mann winning 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for BMW



Alaine Raymond winning 1<sup>st</sup> for Lancia



Delmas Greene winning 1<sup>st</sup> for Alfa Romeo



Buddy Guynn winning 2<sup>nd</sup> for Alfa Romeo



## More Recent Events – Amelia Island Cars & Coffee and Concour 2016

This year Delmas and Polly Greene and I attended Amelia island driving up early Friday arriving in time to see many of the Sunday's Concour cars parked along downtown Fernandina's streets for lunch. A veteran of many Amelia Island shows, I had never done the Friday lunch event before and found it a great chance to get a close up look at some of the cars that on Sunday will be covered in people. It was also a chance to spend time with the car owners and learn a lot more about them that simply would not be possible on Sunday with the crowds. I highly recommend this Friday lunch display and one that I will be doing again for sure.

### Friday – In downtown Fernandina – a Sunday Preview



We had lunch at a local place while watching all the car leave.



## More Recent Events – Amelia Island Cars & Coffee and Concour 2016 continued

Polly Greene's favorite car at the RM Auction was a Stutz looking like rolling jewelry!



## More of Friday at Amelia Island in downtown Fernandina

One of my personal favorites was a late 50's BMW 503 cabriolet meticulously restored.



I was able to talk at length to the car's owner learning all about its history as a barn find in Ohio and home for cats before the long 4 year restoration process in a shop in Chicago.



I later learned that this car had already won an open class at Pebble Beach so it was no stranger to competition. Although the soft white paint looks very similar to my Chamonix white presently on my 1973 BMW 2002, I was told at the time BMW called in "Feather" white, although very much a creamer antique white that suited the cabriolet very well.

## More of Friday at Amelia Island in downtown Fernandina

Here the car's owner and friend say good bye to down town Fernandina and store the car for Sunday's big event. I was able to speak to the owner at length again on Saturday.



## Saturday – Cars and Coffee at Amelia Island 2016

Here several vintage Alfas are represented in front of the Alfa Tent



Delmas Greene's 56 Spider

People waiting in line to see the new Alfas





## Saturday – Cars and Coffee at Amelia Island 2016 continued

A new 2016 Giulia on display on the grass and later up on the podium



They also had a dark blue version of the new Giulia on display next to the entrance to the Ritz hotel. Both were equipped with the 507 HP Ferrari Twin Turbo 3.2L V6 engine. The car will also be available with a 4 cylinder 2.2L Twin Turbo engine as well. This is a great looking sedan and clearly targeted at the BMW M3 market place.

Delmas Greene's 56 Spider up front.

Delmas driving in at 7AM in the fog



## Saturday – Cars and Coffee at Amelia Island 2016 continued

A close up look at the GTA



Another early black spider



A Nice GTA or track version of the Bertone bodied GTV



## Sunday at Amelia Island 2016 – Concour Day

Time to wake up and shine even if the sunshine would not come till later

Dave Yeager gets his early 1900 coupe ready for the show



1977 Brabham-Alfa Romeo BT45B

Hans Stuck next to the Brabham Alfa Romeo



Hans Stuck was the Honorary Marshall of the event, and although more famous for his racing victories driving BMW's famous E9 CSL's, he did win several races for Alfa Romeo as well.

## Up Coming Events: FAC Road Rally –

The Florida Alfa club is holding another fun rally beginning in Tarpon Spring (March 19<sup>th</sup>) at Panera Bread at 9AM to Baypoint. Contact Milton Watts for details



Join us Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> for another fun Rally and lunch!

## Up Coming Events: Festival of Speed at the Vinoy in St Petersburg

Join the Alfa Club and bring out your car to this year's Festival of Speed in downtown St Petersburg at Vinoy Park. Register your car using this link or contact Barry Andress for details. Mail check for a reduce amount of \$20 and refer to Barry Andress in the Alfa Club.

<http://www.festivalspeed.com/registration/>

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## **Up Coming Events**

### **March 2016 Events:**

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

FAC Business Meeting, Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> – Lunch 11:30-2:00PM – Quaker State & Lub

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

Amelia Island Concour d' Elegance – March 11-13<sup>th</sup> (Delmas)

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

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

Phillippe Park Sarasota Cars & Coffee - March 26<sup>th</sup> – 8:00-10:00AM

### **April 2016 Events:**

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

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee – 8-10AM

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

DuPont Cars & Coffee (St Pete) Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – 7-9 A

### **May 2016 Events:**

Alfa parts swap in Orlando Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Alfa warehouse – Delmas/John Picot

FAC meeting sec Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> for lunch 11:20-1:30 at Quaker State & Lub

### **June 2016 Events:**

Pizza & Sim Racing plus monthly FAC meeting at the Santilli's house Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

## 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)







**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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mzpat877@msn.com)

**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](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.agearworks.com](http://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**  
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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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