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**Editorial Comments:** It has been a busy year so far, but there are plenty of things planned for the balance of 2016 so keep informed and join us for our next event. If anyone has any ideas for events during July and August lets us know.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for May 2016.

Car Name: GTV Step Nose Race car in Dark Grey and Red



## 2016 Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este Car and Fashion Show on Lake Como

Note: Photos from Sports Car Digest

1954 Maserati A6 GCS Berlinetta Pinin Farina





**More from the 2016 Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este:**



1944 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Sport by Turinga



1973 Alpine-Renault A110



2016 Alfa Romeo Disco Volante Superleggera by Touring – My favorite Modern Alfa



1961 Alfa Romeo Giulietta SZ – Yes half of the car is restored and other half original





1961 Aston Martin DB4GT Zagato



1953 Lancia Aurelia B52 Cabriolet by Vignale



1953 Ferrari 250 GT Europa by Vignale



1933 Lancia Astura Series II by Castagna – I am sure there is a car in this photo somewhere-do you see it? The portly gentleman seated to the right seems to understand.



## **Recent Events: AROC and FAC present the Annual Parts Swap Event**

Once again this year on Saturday May 7th the Florida Alfa Romeo Club held their annual Parts Swap on the grounds of the Maserati/Alfa/Fiat Parts facility in Orlando. This year's parts swap was well attended and there were deals to be had. It is up to you if you attended and walked out with more parts than you brought or not.

Photos to follow

## **A Long Time Alfa Club Member Passes and is Remembered:**

Dear members and friends of the Mid-Florida Alfa Romeo Club and the Mann Family

Beth Mann has asked me to send you this message:

The following will link you to the obituary for Barry Mann who died on May 3rd. Please take a moment to send condolences to the family if you would like to.

As the obituary says, there will be a memorial service at a later date convenient for distant relatives.

<http://www.collisonfamilyfh.com/notices/Barry-Mann>

You will be notified of this memorial service once the date and time is set.

*Sent at the request of Beth Mann, by:*

Margo Miller, Secretary

Mid-Florida Alfa Romeo Club

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## More Recent Events: Quaker State & Lub Meeting

On Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> we held our monthly meeting as a lunch at Quaker State & Lub on 49<sup>th</sup> Street in Clearwater. This is the second monthly meeting we have held in the day time for lunch in an attempt to make time for members who cannot make it at night.



If you have ever been to Quaker State & Lub you know they cater to car clubs with weekend car shows regularly. We were able to bring several of our vintage Alfas and one new SC out for the event. WE will be going back to our regular evening meeting schedule with an occasional special event added in so watch the monthly newsletter closely to see the next date and time of each meeting and event.





## Upcoming Event: Annual Pizza & SIM Racing Event

Join us for our Annual Pizza Party and SIM racing event at Ruggero and Carla Santilli's home arriving at 11:30 AM on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Carla puts out a wonderful table full of Italian food and wine while Ruggero gives tours of his garage and his extensive rare car collection.



After lunch we will have a SIM Racing contest on their professional racing simulator. The quickest times for the men and women around the Sebring track will be awarded prizes.



Because food is involved please RSVP if you are coming to Frank Mann at 727-254-9723 or [fmann1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fmann1@tampabay.rr.com) This event has always been a real hoot but it is limited to the first 20 people to RSVP.

## Up Coming Events: National Alfa Convention



## BENVENUTI A NASHVILLE!

Raise your hand if you like Alfas. Was that everybody?

Now raise your hand if you like Nashville. Most of you?

And raise it once more if you want to hang out with your Alfisti friends in Nashville? Again, is most everybody's hand up?

If you answered "Yes" to all three questions, you'll be happy to know that we're hosting the 2016 AROC National Convention in Nashville! Citta della Musica 2016 will run June 12 - 19 this summer. A lot of you were with us for 2001 – An Alfa Odyssey only fourteen short years ago and you had a great time. I'm told we put on a pretty good convention!

Nashville is a great city and Middle Tennessee and the surrounding areas have lots to offer. We're excited to have you come and share our hometown with us. Come early. Stay late. Spending time in Nashville may be just what the Alfa orders!

\* Nashville is within one day's drive of over 60% of the U.S. population. You really have no excuse NOT to bring your Alfa!

Don't miss a minute of Citta della Musica! Make your room reservations today. Call the Nashville Marriott Airport at 615-889-9300 or 1-800-228-9290. Give them the reference code: Alfa Inc. Click on the [VENUE](#) tab



## **Up Coming Events**

### **June 2016 Events:**

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

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, 8-10AM – June 11<sup>th</sup>

Alfa National Convention, Nashville June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> (Polly)

DuPont Cars & Coffee – St Pete – Saturday June 18th, 7-9 AM

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee, June 25<sup>th</sup> 8-10 AM

### **July 2016 Events: Stay Tuned**

#### **No Monthly Meeting this Month**

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, 8-10AM – July 9<sup>th</sup>

DuPont Cars & Coffee – St Pete – Saturday June 16th, 7-9 AM

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee, July 30<sup>th</sup> 8-10 AM

### **August 2016 Events: Stay Tuned**

#### **No Monthly Meeting this Month**

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, 8-10AM – August 11<sup>th</sup>

DuPont Cars & Coffee – St Pete – Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 AM

### **September 2016 Events:**

#### **FAC Meeting TBD Stay tuned**

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, 8-10AM – September 10<sup>th</sup>

DuPont Cars & Coffee – St Pete – Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 AM

**Road Tour, Sarasota, Myakka Park, Winery, Dinner overnight Continues Sunday (Bob Scott)**

### **October 2016 Events:**

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, 8-10AM – October 8

**FAC Business Meeting TBD – Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> Dinner 6:30 – Meeting 7:30 PM**

Lake Mirror Classic – Lakeland October 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Italian Wine & Cheese Party – (Frank)

DuPont Cars & Coffee – Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> – 7-9:00 AM

**Ft. DeSoto picnic and car show October 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 AM (Harmon)**

### **November 2016 Events**

Viva Alfa – At Disney Celebration November 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – dinner Friday with show on Saturday

**St Pete Y.C. Classic Car Show – pre 1980 November 6<sup>th</sup> (Harmon)**

**FAC Business Meeting – TBD – dinner 6:30 – Meeting 7:30 PM**

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – 8-10 AM

24 Hours of Daytona November 12<sup>th</sup>

DuPont Cars & Coffee Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> St Pete – 7-9 AM

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee – Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – 8-10 AM

### **December 2016 Events:**

**FAC Christmas Lunch – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alfano's – 11:30 AM (Bob Scott/Polly)**

## Cars for Sale:



A 1988 Alfa Romeo Spider for sale with 69,500 miles non-restored Graduate model. Red color with a 5 speed transmission – rust free – great paint. Black seats/trim/top. New 15” wheels and tires. A reliable sunshine cruiser. Owners/shop manual included. Fresh oil change and coolant.

Contact owner directly: Mario L Parker

Sarasota

734 368 6059







**For Sale.** SPAL Axial Electric Radiator Fan. 16" diameter and only 2" thick. Sucks 2200 m<sup>3</sup>/h using only 7.5 amps. Like new. Sells new for \$95 – asking only \$50.00.

**Contact Harmon Heed 941-726-9723**



## 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.

For repair and refurbishing your differential or other ears we recommend a local shop – Gearworks.

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



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A new Exotic and Vintage Car repair and restoration shop has opened in Clearwater called Exotic Motors South. They are an Authorized Service Center for Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Alfa Romeo, BMW and Konigszegg. They have extensive experience worth vintage car mechanicals as well as the most modern of Exotic cars.

Exotic Motors South

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<http://exoticmotorsouth.com/>



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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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