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Editorial Comments: As the summer is upon us many of us have headed north, but the fun is just beginning. We have lots more planned, so stay tuned in and watch our next issues for details.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for June 2016.

Car Name: The Alfa Romeo Disco Volante – based on the 8C but with new coachworks – Stunning!



More Images from Lake Como:



I think they liked the Alfa Disco Volante



Beautiful Paint on a Vintage Alfa



An Unrestored Alfa Sprint Zagato

In Memorial: Long Time Club Member “Barry Mann” passes.

Recently long time club member Barry Mann passed away. There will be an auction of his cars and parts collection for his wife to help her with expenses. We are calling it “The Barry Mann Memorial SALE/Auction” now.....most items will just be marked and people can buy things as they peruse through the warehouse.

The warehouse is at 22 South Westmoreland Drive, Orlando, FL 32805, on the northwest corner of Pine Street, in downtown Orlando.

FABULOUS LARGE SALE OF A HUGE QUANTITY OF TOOLS, CAR PARTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH FROM 9:00 a.m. TO 5:00 p.m.

We will have the sale from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25th. Parking is ample at the rear of the large, white warehouse where the sale will be held – The doors will be open to make it easy to find.

If anyone wants photographs of any of the 3 Alfas, 1 Fiat Spider or Barry’s Dodge Dart (sexy machine, indeed!) just let us know. We don’t have prices yet because the mechanics will start their inspections and evaluations over the next week.

Things that will be available:

- 4 sports cars
- 1 beautiful Dodge Dart – low mileage at 18,000.
- Over 100 model cars of all shapes and sizes
- Multiple automobile model kits
- MANY car Manuals, magazines, and “coffee table” books
- Hundreds of music CDs
- Many assorted tools & machines
- Car parts of a large variety
- Paint Supplies and automobile care liquids
- Sundry memorabilia items
-and much, more

For more information, contact Margo directly at:

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Note from FAC member, Friend & Publisher of Auto Historica, Alain Raymond:

Buon giorno Alfisti,

Well-known Italian auto journalist Davide Cironi has test-driven the Giulia. You may be interested in what he has to say... But before you click, get a glass of Italian wine (red of course) and sit back in your favorite chair.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tS4C04bG-Bo&feature=em-subscriptions_digest



Forza Alfa Romeo!

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Here is another test video of the car as well that we found by
Topspeed.com

http://www.topspeed.com/cars/alfa_romeo-giulia/ke3472.html

Recent Events: Annual Pizza & SIM Racing Event



On Saturday June 4th we had our Annual Pizza Party and SIM racing event.



Harmon Heed's "Blonde" Spider and John Picot's beautiful GTV that has never looked so good. Harmon always said his car attracted "Blondes" – hence the name. Well shortly after he arrived a six-foot young blonde woman was seen checking out his car. When Harmon was asked for a comment he replied "I told You So!"

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Nino & Frank Mann and Barry Andress



Harmon Heed – Ruggero Santilli – our Host



Carla Santilli our Hostess & John Ferguson



John & Linda Rady with Dan & Diane Casterani

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Harmon Heed describes a car placarde we are considering for our members



After lunch we had our SIM racing event – Prizes were awarded for the fastest time around the Sebring Track for both the women and men. This is always a lot of fun.

More Recent Events: Annual Pizza & SIM Racing Events:

After the meeting we headed down to the garage to view Ruggero's extensive car collection



Here Barry checks out the Alfa TZ3 (9 of 9)

Here is another angle of this rare and amazing car



Also in his collection is a Fly Yellow Ferrari Testarossa – while in the other room is a new Maserati coupe and in the back is a glimpse of his very rare 1957 Alfa Romeo Sprint Zagato – alloy body – double bubble top – race car. This car has years of documented races in its life with multiple wins. It recently had maintenance with refurbished breaks at Exotic Motors South.

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 4th at 11:30 (Frank)

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, 8-10AM – June 11th

Alfa National Convention, Nashville June 15th – 19th (Polly)

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

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

July 2016 Events: Stay Tuned

No Monthly Meeting this Month

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, 8-10AM – July 9th

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

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

August 2016 Events: Stay Tuned

No Monthly Meeting this Month

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, 8-10AM – August 11th

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

September 2016 Events:

FAC Meeting TBD Stay tuned

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

DuPont Cars & Coffee – St Pete – Saturday September 17th, 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 10th Dinner 6:30 – Meeting 7:30 PM

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

DuPont Cars & Coffee – Saturday October 15th – 7-9:00 AM

Ft. DeSoto picnic and car show October 23rd 11:00 AM (Harmon)

November 2016 Events

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

St Pete Y.C. Classic Car Show – pre 1980 November 6th (Harmon)

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

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee Nov. 12th – 8-10 AM

24 Hours of Daytona November 12th

DuPont Cars & Coffee Nov. 19th St Pete – 7-9 AM

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

December 2016 Events:

FAC Christmas Lunch – Dec 3rd – 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



More Cars for Sale:



1991 Alfa Romeo Spider Convertible 5 speed manual Italian Sports Car - \$9500 (Sarasota)

Contact Christian Giusti 749italc@gmail.com or 941-928-3819.



More Cars for Sale:



Car has lots of upgrades. Suspension is all racing spec. Very tightly tuned and handles like a true Rear Wheel Drive Italian sports car with racing bloodline. Car has been gone over inside and out. Will not find another one that has been gone through to this extent. Does have some quirks as most Alfas do. Just like most Italian women, the cars also require more maintenance than average.

Could also use new front tires, these ones are dry rotted and leaks oil as they say, "If your Alfa doesn't leak oil, you probably don't drive it." I have been driving this one a little bit here and there and love the car but need to focus my time on my home renovation.

For those that don't know, this is the S4 Series 4 Alfa Spider. These used a galvanized steel body that protected against the rust that killed many of the earlier models. This one has also been gone through and protected with heavy duty bed-liner under the floor mat and in the trunk as well as a heavy duty undercoating.

The last of the spiders and among the last of the Alfas that were imported in the 90s. Now they are coming back to the states but you won't be able to touch them for anywhere near this price!

More Cars for Sale:



For Sale. SPAL Axial Electric Radiator Fan. 16" diameter and only 2" thick. Sucks 2200 m3/h using only 7.5 amps. Like new. Sells new for \$95 – asking only \$50.00.

Contact Harmon Heed 941-726-9723



Calling All Racers:

FAC member, Bruce Giller is an avid racer and has used his vintage 1973 Alfa GTV to that end on many occasions and would like to continue to do so. In light of that he is seeking others with similar interest to join him and participate in various upcoming racing events.



I have been attending High Performance Drivers Events (HPDE) for nearly 20 years at various tracks before moving to the Tampa area in 2014. HPDE are where you drive your car with an instructor as fast as you wish on a racetrack with other attendees with the same experience level. It is a safe way to learn to drive your car at speed in a controlled environment with designated passing areas; passing only takes place with permission from the car to be passed. My 'home' track was Summit Point (<http://summitpoint-raceway.com/>) but I have attended events at Virginia International Raceway (<http://virnow.com/>), and at Lime Rock (<http://www.limerock.com/>). Many of these events were sponsored by local Alfa clubs but many were run by HPDE event organizers. I started out in a '86 Spider and my current track car is a '73 GTV (photos are at VIR's North course paddock). I teamed up another Alfa enthusiast (Milano, GTV) to form 'Knucklehead Racing' - no dues required.

I would like to continue my endeavor here in Florida and I'm looking for like-minded Alfa owners who wish to attend these Events with me. I am unfamiliar with the local tracks like Sebring, Daytona, Homestead, and Savannah and their road course setup but I'm more than willing to learn.

You can contact me at bcgiller@gmail.com.

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.

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.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.

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EXOTIC MOTORS^{SOUTH}[™]

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

13000 Automobile Blvd.

Clearwater, FL. 33762

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<http://exoticmotorsouth.com/>



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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