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Editorial Comments: It is summer in Florida and many members have flown the coop to northern climates, but that does not mean we do not have anything planned for the rest of the year!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for July 2016.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo Furia Supercar Concept



The Alfa Romeo Furia Supercar Concept Pays Homage to History:



Quickly gathering global attention, the **Alfa Romeo Furia** supercar concept, from independent designer Paul Breshke, advances the aesthetics of the 106-year-old automaker while integrating iconic elements from its lineage. The curvaceous beauty, which references six memorable models from the Italian marque, was born after 10 months of renderings and 3-D modeling.

“Fans of the brand should see a lot of details inspired by specific vehicles,” says Breshke. “My goal was to draw from the classics. The project tells the rich history of Alfa Romeo.”

The Furia’s body styling is reminiscent of [Alfa Romeo’s Tipo 33 Stradale](#) and GTV Spider while the rear of the car carries a pronounced horizontal fin fashioned after the Tipo 32/2 Daytona, the Furia G1, and the P33 Cuneo. Additionally, the car’s lacquer colors and accents pay specific compliment to the Bertone-designed Carabo and Furia’s front features a grille that is incorporated into the oval air intake, an approach popular in the past.

Inside the two-seat sensation, the quilt-patterned cabin celebrates speed. “The interior will feel like the cockpit of a jet ready to transport its occupants to another world,” says Breshke. “It was designed as a tribute to the driver.”

As renderings of the Furia were only made public a few days ago, Breshke has yet to hear from Alfa Romeo, but he welcomes word. Also powering the designer’s portfolio are past concepts that include the Bugatti Gangloff, the Delahaye 94, and the Lamborghini Resonare. ([behance.net](#))

Recent Events: National Alfa Convention:



This year The Alfa Romeo National Convention was held in Nashville, prompting many of our FAC members to make the drive up this year as this is the closest the Convention has been to our territory in many years or likely to be for some time to come making it a drivable distance to those brave enough to attempt a trip of some 650 miles.

Others scrambled to buy new trailers or get their existing trailers in shape for the trip to haul their vintage cars to the meet. Because of Nashville's proximity we had a record 20+ members in attendance. A lot of fun was had by all even at the hotel as John Picot shows us in this photo below. It is unclear if Polly Greene pushed John into these unusual chairs or if the caption should be "I have fallen and I cannot get up"!

John Picot at the convention hotel in a compromising position! Comments John?



More Recent Events: Grand Opening for a New Maserati – Alfa Romeo dealership in St Petersburg



On Saturday evening June 16th a new Maserati – Alfa Romeo Dealership held its open house to great fan fair. Located in St Petersburg on Gandy Blvd just east of Hwy 19 next door to the Hennessey McLaren dealer, it is very easy to reach from either I275 (Gandy Blvd Exit) or from Hwy 19.

This new Alfa Dealership is owned by the Allan Jay Automotive Group who also own several other car dealerships in and around Sebring. This is their first dealership in the St Petersburg area.

While other dealers fought to get one maybe two new Alfa 4C's for their open houses last year, Mr. Allan Jay Wildstein was able to get half a dozen and had already sold a couple before the open house. Not to be outdone, the open house was done in a first class manner beginning with valet parking that you could text them in advance to have your car ready before you stepped out into the heat.

The Florida Alfa Romeo Club was asked to bring several of our Vintage cars for this grand opening. We managed a couple of spiders even though most of our members were already in Nashville for the National convention – we will make up for this with several cars next time around.

I arrived early and met Mr. Wildstein in his tuxedo surrounded by his family including two very young family members in matching Tuxedo T-Shirts. Once you entered the dealership you were met immediately with a Blue Martini Bar where a server was eagerly offering Blue Martini's to anyone who wished.

Immediately to the right was a Platinum Silver Grey Alfa Romeo Giulia – the same car I had seen at Amelia Island earlier this year. This car with its 507 HP Ferrari engine is a four door coupe that is clearly aimed at the BMW M3 market – and it certainly looks the part.

More Recent Events: Grand Opening for a New Maserati – Alfa Romeo dealership in St Petersburg continued:



To the left was an open wine bar with premium wines served on demand. Several servers weaved through the crowds with small appetizers, while we talked among ourselves and admired the new surroundings. A short walk into the expansive service bay displayed several new Maserati and Alfa cars up on service lifts giving us all a great view of each car. To the left was three food carving stations that included Beef Brisket carving station, Scallop and pasta, and another one I never made it to, but all the food was first class.

After a couple of hours, we were asked to walk back up front where Mr. Wildstein welcomed us and introduced us to his staff. A representative from Maserati then unveiled a new Maserati SUV in dark blue metallic and Brick red leather interior. If you need a people hauler this Maserati does it in style and sure to compete with the Porsche.

Bob Scott and I spent a lot of time speaking with Stephan Kacprzyk – their new General Manager - about how the FAC could help and work closely with their dealership going forward. In short this is a first class organization. Their Service Manager is Mike Fallin.

Bob Scott and myself made another round and said our good buys to all the people we had met before texting for our cars to be brought around for us.

More Recent Events: Barry Mann's Memorial and Silent Auction:

On Saturday June 25th we said good bye to long time club member, Barry Mann, and held a silent auction for his extensive collection of cars and spares. To our amazement and his wife's pleasure, virtually everything sold including the cars.

Upcoming Events: Alfa Road Tour and Getaway



Join us for a special event and Road Tour, Sarasota, Myakka Park, Winery, Dinner overnight Continues Sunday (Bob Scott)

Bob Scot has an extensive road tour planned for us in and around the Sarasota area that should be a blast. We also have plans for a winery tour in Myakka Park before dinner together as a club. We will have a Block of rooms provided at a local hotel – details to follow – with breakfast the next morning before driving back. Ha also has some other outings planned for this time frame that are surprises right now. Stay tuned for more details.

Upcoming Events: Alfa Road Tour and Getaway: Proposed Itinerary:

Saturday:

8:30 AM – Meet at Gas Station/Dairy Queen at Hwy 14 & 69th St. just off of I-275

9:00 AM – Stop at Winery or Train Museum TBD

11:00 AM – Lunch at Streamsong Resort [https://www.expedia.com/Bowling-Green-Hotels-Streamsong-Resort.h8207102.Hotel-Information?HotelID=8207102&keyword=streamsong_resort!e.ZzZz.4810000437948.0.12776619731.streamsong%20resort.streamsong_resort&semcid=US.UB.BING.SEARCH.HOTEL&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=USA:ENG:\\$:PT:AMER:USA:E:X:1:&utm_term=streamsong%20resort&utm_content=USA:ENG:\\$:PT:AMER:USA:FL:Lakeland_-_Winter_Haven:6048230:Streamsong_Resort:PE8207102:E:X](https://www.expedia.com/Bowling-Green-Hotels-Streamsong-Resort.h8207102.Hotel-Information?HotelID=8207102&keyword=streamsong_resort!e.ZzZz.4810000437948.0.12776619731.streamsong%20resort.streamsong_resort&semcid=US.UB.BING.SEARCH.HOTEL&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=USA:ENG:$:PT:AMER:USA:E:X:1:&utm_term=streamsong%20resort&utm_content=USA:ENG:$:PT:AMER:USA:FL:Lakeland_-_Winter_Haven:6048230:Streamsong_Resort:PE8207102:E:X)

2:30 PM – Road Tour to Bradenton followed by tour of Drum Circle Run Distillery

4:00 PM – Tour Classic Car Showroom

5:00 – Check in Hotel – Holiday Inn Express – Rooms blocked

6:00 PM Cocktails and Dinner TBD

Sunday:

9:00 AM Breakfast

11:00 AM Tour of the Ringling Mansion – Art Museum - & Miniature Train Museum

12:00 – Lunch and/or Drive Home



Sign up now by contacting Bob Scott directly at RScott1697@aol.com

More Upcoming Events: Lake Mirror Classic Car Show and FAC Italian Wine & Cheese Party

Join us again this year for the Mirror Lake Classic Cars show in Lakeland. Last year's event was a lot of fun and we will make this even more memorable. We need ten cars registered to park as a car club this year so please sign up now. The price of registration goes up September 1st so you have roughly 5 weeks to sign up to get the lower cost



Prior to the event on Friday afternoon we will again be holding an Italian themed wine & Cheese party in the lobby of the Hyatt Hotel as we did last year. Our plans for this year are even more grand so do not miss this portion of the weekend. We will have a block of rooms set aside for the Florida Alfa Car Club at the Hyatt. The hotel is walking distance to the car show and several downtown restaurants.

Go to this web site to register your car today: <https://www.lakemirrorclassic.com/vehicle-registration/>

Reserve your room at the Hyatt Place at:

http://lakelandcenter.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?mckv=PecNDpfr_pdv_c_pcid_9141131411_pmt_be_pkw_hyatt%20hotel%20lakeland&src=adm_sem_agm_pfx_crp_ppc_md_Brand-Lakeland_bing_Brand-Lakeland-General-Exact_be_hyatt%20hotel%20lakeland_Brand

Be sure to mention the Florida Alfa Car Club to get our special rate.

More Upcoming Events: Lake Mirror Classic Car Show and FAC Italian Wine & Cheese Party Continued:



Last year several of our cars won ribbons from the judges and we had a great location right on the lake next to the Concours event. This show has rapidly become the pre-show to Amelia Island with many of the Concourse cars will be seen later at Amelia.

The pre-show Italian Wine & Cheese Party was so successful last year we had several Corvette Club jealous and wanting to change affiliations. Contact me directly if you have questions about the Like Mirror Classic or if you want to contribute to the Pre-Show Wine & Cheese event.

Frank Mann fmann1@tampabay.rr.com PH: 727-254-9723

More Upcoming Events: Ft DeSoto Picnic and Car Show

This year our annual picnic and car show at Ft DeSoto is back in October again this year- October 23rd at 11:00 AM to be specific. Bring your favorite picnic food and drinks enough to share; the club will provide the grilling tools and charcoal.



Umpteenth Annual

Ft DeSoto Annual Kickoff Beach Party



Sunday, October 23rd, 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Join us as we kick off the 2016/17 Florida Alfa Club season where Dr. Beach rated "Nation's #1 Beach" in 2005 and Trip Advisor rated "America's Top Beach" in 2009. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy and share on the tables and benches in the shade of Shelter #2. The Club will have condiments and the barbecue pit fires going for you.

We line our Alfas up in front of the shelter and *the ladies do the judging!*

Sunday 10/23

11:00 – 3:00

There is a \$5 per car

Park Entrance Fee



Please RSVP to Harmon Heed (941) 342-1246 or harmonheed@yahoo.com

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/maps/color/amenities/FortDeSoto.pdf>

Up Coming Events

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

Festival of Speed – Nov 24th – Orlando International Auto Show

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)

Festival of Speed – Orlando – Dec. 2nd - 4th at Ritz Carlton Grande Lakes -Orlando

Cars for Sale:



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 till in restoration. Send us your photos.

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.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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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 Koenigsegg. They have extensive experience with vintage car mechanicals as well as the most modern of Exotic cars.

Exotic Motors South

13000 Automobile Blvd.

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<http://exoticmotorsouth.com/>



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