

The logo features a circular emblem on the left containing a red cross and a green serpent. To the right, the words "Alfa Romeo" are written in a large, red, cursive script. Below this, the words "FLORIDA ALFA CLUB" are written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font, separated from the script by a horizontal line with a dashed center.

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Editorial Comments: As the fall season begins our event calendar is full so check them out and sign up.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the
Car Name: Alfa Spider

Month for September 2016.



Auto Kennels Sells a long-time Friend:

I can't pull my eyes from it.

For the past week, as we've been preparing this Alfa for sale, it has been sitting right in front of my desk...on purpose. It has an alluring vibe to it. While I'm on the phone, I find myself pacing around it, touching its flares, opening doors, and sitting inside it. It has a power over me like the Siren's song. Everything about it is so right.

Then, like a cold shower, I hear my dad exclaim from behind his desk, "Paul! No! We are running a dealership, not a museum."



[Click here or on the picture above to see all the photos.](#)

Auto Kennels Sells a long-time Friend Continues:

1973 Alfa Romeo 2000 GT Veloce (GTV)

"Flying Buttress" Sport Seats

Spica Fuel Injection

California Car from New

Stock #0783

VIN # AR3022589

ENG# AR01544*502230

55,300 Miles

Less than 1,000-Miles on Rebuilt Motor

Giallo Pieper (116) on Black Leatherette

5-speed Manual Transmission

Clean and Clear California Title

Very straight and Dry Example

Mostly 2-Owner California Car

Offered at \$34,990

The Alfa Romeo 105/115 series coupes just look right. They have the right proportions. They have the right stance. They have right amount of everything. They look, feel, sound, and drive like a perfectly balanced machine. These are one of those cars that everyone usually speaks of with fondness in their voice. They make you want to enjoy vintage motoring. They are alluring vehicles and truly one of those "gateway drugs" into the world of classic car collecting.

This Alfa Romeo was built new in August of 1973 and was specifically designated for the California market. It is believed that this GTV has always been a California car. There have been mostly 2-owners from new. Although not much is known about the first owner, he sold it to the second owner in 1985. This owner lived in Northern California. He drove the car for about 5-years before he started a light restoration. He repainted the car in its original color and then did a rebuild on the motor. He never finished the job and ended up storing the car for 25-years in a dry inland warehouse. When the current owner found the car a couple of years ago, it had a set of Webers on the motor, but the conversion had not been completed. The Spica system was complete and included with the car. So, he installed the Spica, tuned it, and the car fired up with the first turn of the key. Furthermore, this owner's Alfa specialist went through the car to get it ready for road use and confirmed that the condition of the engine showed engine showed that it had not many miles on it since being rebuilt.

Auto Kennels Sells a long-time Friend Continues:

Further finishing touches to this Alfa include:

New door cards

Dash cover (original dash is cracked)

Replaced windshield and trim with good original parts (rare)

Tuning/service of engine

Lube door hardware

Installed period correct Momo Vega wheels (14x6)

Set of Cromodora wheels included (14x6)

Remove older tint on windows

Installed rare "flying buttress" sport seats (current owner purchased separately)

Finally, a recent compression test was performed and the results were outstanding: 175psi even across all four cylinders (see pic).

The condition of the body and undercarriage is what attracted this owner to this example. It is remarkably dry and straight (see pics). It is clear that not only was this GTV properly stored and cared for, there is a good chance that the miles are probably original as well.

Although the paint is roughly 25+ years old, it hasn't been driven much and mostly stored. As a result, it looks great with minimal signs of use. There is a small chip by the driver door handle (see pic) as well as some minor nicks here and there. The paint was checked with a paint meter on all the panels and there are no signs of filler. All the metal looks to be original and unaltered/undamaged. The paint in the engine bay, trunk, and doorjamb is original. Most of the glass is original except the windshield, which was just replaced with a hard to find example. Some of the trim around the windshield also was replaced with good condition original pieces. The rest of the bright work is original and in great shape. The Momo Vega wheels are in excellent condition with no curb rash and are wearing new Michelin tires. The brake pads and rotors are new all the way around. The driver side door has a later Italian made sport mirror. All the exterior lights work properly.

The interior looks equally as nice. The rare sport seats are in very good condition with no cracks or tears. The headrests work great as does the tilt and slide mechanisms. The door cards are new. The headliner looks fresh with no rips or stains. The dash has a nice cover on it, which fits snug. The original dash is cracked. The carpet appears to be original and is in good condition as well. The shift boot has just been replaced. The e-brake boot is torn and a fresh cover has been installed over it. All the gauge's function properly.

Auto Kennels Sells a long-time Friend Continues:

The later installed radio powers on, but there are no speakers connected. This Alfa appears to have dealer installed air-conditioning, which blows and functions, but does not blow cold. The trunk carpet is original and has some stains. Also, the plastic part along the backside of the trunk (covering the rear of the tail lights) is cracked (see pic).

The engine bay looks tidy with original paint and all original factory decals. The fan shroud (see pic) has some broken pieces of plastic, but it operates fine.

This Alfa GTV drives very tight and has excellent throttle response with nice low-range power. It starts easily even when very cold. It holds a steady idle as well. The shifting is smooth and precise with no grinding or other synchro issues. The brakes have a good feel once you apply more pedal. Although the pads, rotors, and tires are new, the system may need to be bled.

California registration is paid through July of 2017.

This Alfa comes with an original owners manual (bit tattered- see pic), original spare wheel with original Michelin tire (see pic), factory jack, and an extra set of fresh Cromodora wheels (seep pics).

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Recent Events: Sarasota Road Tour

On Saturday September 24th a group of FAC members drive down to a meeting point just south of the Sunshine bridge to assemble for what turned out to be two days of fun driving out cars and visiting some local Florida sights along the way. Below Harmon Heed provides details of the event. Jordon Tawil provided the following video link as well of our cars: [1080p.mov](#)

A Day of Driving Us to Drink

On Saturday, September 24, the club took a terrific road trip; twelve cars and twenty members attended and logged just under 200 miles, mostly in the farm and ranch land in east Manatee County, FL. It was put together by this year's president, Bob Scott.

In attendance were Barry Andress in his 1983 spider veloce, Mark Dubovich in his 2015 Fiat 500L, Delmas & Polly Greene in their Alfa grilled "Aurora," Jeff Hanson in his 1993 spider veloce, Harmon & Jo Heed in their 1964 Giulia spider, Frank Mann in his 1973 BMW 2002, Tony & Mary Kathyrine Paolini in their 1964 Corvette Stingray, John & Cheryl Picot in their 1973 GTV 2000, Ruggero & Carla Santilli in their 2015 Maserati GranTurismo, Bob & Carolyn Scott in their 1987 spider Quadrifoglio and new member Jordan Tawil and his wife, Chelsea, in their 2015 4C Launch and their friends.





The best driving was in the morning, while it was still cool and dry, especially for those in older cars without A/C. (Fall hasn't come to Florida, yet.) The group first met for coffee at a convenient Dairy Queen at an intersection off I-275 just south of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. At 9:00AM we headed east away from population. Bob coursed us a moderate route to fit the non-Italian attending cars but the Corvette, BMW and the Oldsmobile sedan (driven by the Greenes who own six Alfas – Polly wanted AC) didn't lag one bit.

The route took us on a pastoral loop through small towns most of us had never been to, never heard of and didn't know when we went through: Heart Groves, Duette and into Bunker Hill. Our first destination was the small Bunker Hill Winery where we were greeted and given an educational presentation by the owners Larry & Lenora Woodham.





It's a very unique winery in that all of its Muscatine grapes (Florida's only grape) are all grown in their vineyards and all of the fifteen fruits used in their fruit wines are fresh, locally and organically grown. The sugar sometimes added for fermentation, especially when making tea wine, is only Florida cane sugar which has no GMOs. Some of their other, unique wines are Banana, Sweet Yellow Onion, Papaya, Red Grapefruit, Sweet Potato, Spiced Pumpkin, Cherry Tomato, T-Mango and three different limes. They are often offered medium or dry. Lenora poured tastings of six of the wines. She and Larry bottle about 68,000 bottles of wine annually. The alcohol content of every bottle is 13% and, uniquely, the price of every bottle is \$13.



The winery is also unique because of its recycling program. All of the fruit residuals are used as fertilizer. It is the only Florida winery that uses recycled bottles and its current recycled bottle total 62,280. The club members didn't buy quite that many bottles of wine that day.

After the winery the group headed into the hinterland of Hardee County, through Ft. Green (never heard of that place and didn't see it when we drove through, either) to the five star Streamsong Resort.



The ultramodern resort was built by Mosaic right in middle of its Phosphate mining wasteland. The golf course sand tailings (what's left after the potash is removed) looks like the world's largest sand trap. The cars were parked right in front of the club house and lunch was served in a private room overlooking the starting point and practice green. Great service and great advance planning, Bob!

Then the group headed back west, nonstop, all the way to Sarasota with cool down showers on the way. (Most of the spiders put their tops up.) Bob had timed a tour at the Drum Circle Distillery that produces Siesta Key Rum.



When the group arrived the tour was started by the founder and CEO, Troy Roberts, who modestly yet proudly mentioned many prestigious awards the young distillery's rum has garnered. Then Kevin, the production distiller showed us step by step how the rum is processed from molasses in giant, stainless steel stirring vats, distilled in a copper still and aged in oak barrels. And what gives the spiced rums their flavors.





The distillery is small, family owned and run, and produces about 2,000 bottles a week on a four-week cycle. Probably the most popular is the coconut spiced rum priced, as most are, at \$25. The premium, Gold, is aged four years and is priced at \$45. As always, the tour ended in the tasting room and many members took home many more bottles.

After the tasting some members headed home and others checked into a hotel Bob had arranged a discount rate. The day was capped off by dinner at a very nice and nearby Italian restaurant, Wheat & Water. There the group toasted Bob for planning, organizing and directing a drive on scenic, country roads with stops at unique places like a fruit winery, five-star resort and fine rum distillery!

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 -Friday & Saturday October 14th-15th. 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. There is still time to sign up so do not miss this great weekend of cars and fun with the Florida Alfa Club.



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_pcrd_914113_1411_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

Note: At the time of this newsletter the Hyatt is full so we may change this location for the wine and cheese party so stay tuned.

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 Concourse 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

Upcoming Events: Ft. DeSoto Picnic & Car Show



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!* A map is attached.

Sunday, 10/23 11:00-3:00 Please RSVP to:

Harmon Heed at harmonheed@yahoo.com or (941) 342-124

There is a \$5 per car Park entrance fee.

Shelter #2 Ft. DeSoto Beach Park



Google Pinellas Co. Parks, Ft DeSoto for more information and photos.

Upcoming Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration



PRESS RELEASE: MID FLORIDA ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB, INC.

Dustin Hoffman immortalized the beauty and freedom of the Alfa Romeo “boat tail” Spider in the 1967 Oscar winning film, *The Graduate*, and from then on Americans fell in love with affordable, fun to drive Italian sports cars. Pininfarina, designer of the gorgeous Ferrari 250 GT, designed the Alfa Romeo Spider and the Fiat 124 Spider. Recently Alfa Romeo introduced their new supercar the 4C Coupe and this year Fiat introduces a new Fiat 124 built in cooperation with Mazda.

So if you love vintage Italian cars don't miss *Viva Alfa Romeo Car Show 2016*. Head to Market Street, in the heart of downtown Celebration, Florida, on Saturday, November 5th when from 10 am until 3 pm the street will be filled with vintage Alfa Romeo, Fiat and Lancia classic cars such as: the Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GTA, Alfa Romeo Junior Zagato GT 1300, Alfa Romeo 2000 GT Veloce, Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider, Fiat 124 Spider, Fiat 128, Fiat 850 Familiare, Lancia Monte Carlo Series, Lancia Fulvia Coupé and many more.

The annual car show is presented by the Mid Florida Alfa Romeo Owners Club and features cars from all over Florida. Visitors can speak with owners and get up close and personal with vintage sports cars. And of course downtown Celebration also offers lots of great places to eat or just enjoy a coffee or ice cream.

Alfa Romeo and Fiats left an imprint for many who grew up during the Sixties, Seventies and Eighties and today they are affordable collectible Italian sports cars. So if you're the proud owner of an Alfa Romeo, Fiat or Lancia enter your car in the show or if you're a car enthusiast bring the family and enjoy a day filled with vintage Italian sports cars at a wonderful location. For more information on the show go to www.alfafla.com

Note: Sign up soon as this is a major Alfa Romeo event pulling cars from all over the southeast and beyond!

Upcoming Events: St Pete Yacht Club Vintage Car Show

Saint Petersburg Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic

11 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, Florida
Sunday, November 6, 2016



On The Waterfront ~ Under The Trees ~ On The Lawn
 Pre 1980 Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles & Boats

Contact: Bill Waters (727) 580-1804 Bill.Waters@RaymondJames.com

Arrive: 8:00 am – 10:30 am
 Awards: 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
 RAIN OR SHINE



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 commemorative t-shirt & dash plaque
 REGISTRATION OPENS 9/26/2016 OR DAY OF SHOW
www.spyc.org/classic

More Upcoming Events: FAC Holiday Party & Luncheon



Join us for our Florida Alfa Club Holiday Luncheon at Alfano's at 11:30 AM on December 3rd. Clean up your car and put on your best Florida attire (anything goes really) and join us for some great Italian food & Wine, good friends, and a few surprises.

Contact Polly Greene to reserve a spot Today as her and Delmas are leaving for their Anniversary trip soon(This week) and will not be here much longer. pollygreene@yahoo.com



Up Coming Events

September 2016 Events:

FAC Meeting Thurs 9/08 – Carrabba’s Grill on Hwy 60 (Gulf to Bay Blvd) 6:30PM with Meeting at 7:30 PM

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

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

Road Tour Event – Sat/Sun Sept. 24th & 25th, 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 – Carrabba’s Grill – Thursday November 10th Dinner 6:00 – 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 – Carrabba’s Grill – 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

January 2017 Events: Lots more to come – Stay tuned!

The Festival of Speed Events: <http://www.festivalspeed.com/>



Diplomat Golf & Tennis Club - Sunday Nov. 13th – 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Hallandale Beach – November 13th

Central Florida Auto Show – Nov. 24th

Orlando – Ritz Carlton – Dec. 4th

Amelia Island – Omni Plantation – March 11th

St Petersburg – Vinoy Park – April 2nd

Mission Inn Resort – Howey in the Hills – April 9th

Cars for Sale:



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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

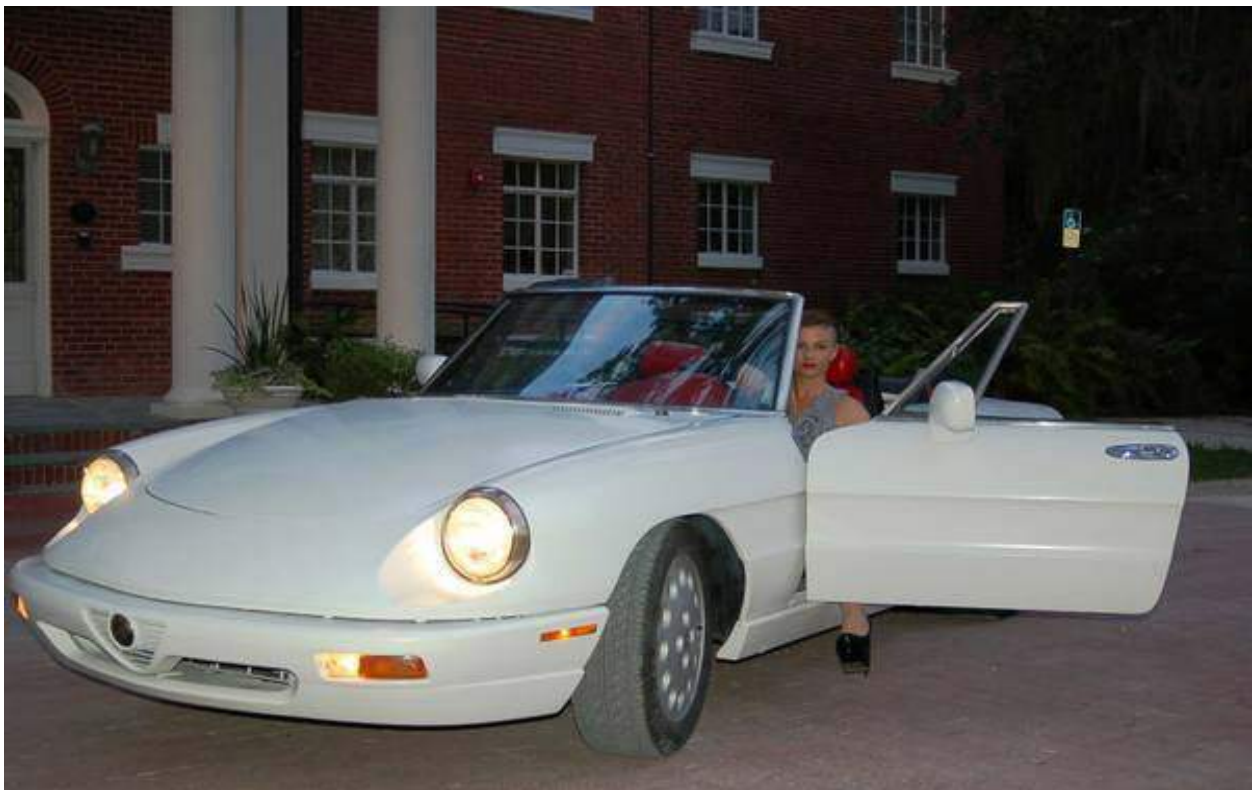


More Cars for Sale:



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>/<http://virnow.com>/<http://www.limerock.com/>) but I have attended events at Virginia International Raceway (), and at Lime Rock (). 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 www.profabcustoms.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. 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 the best Paint, Full Restoration and Fab shop around visit Tom Argue Design



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

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<http://exoticmotorsouth.com/>



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