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**Editorial Comments:** This the latest news from the Florida Alfa Club. It has been a busy fall season so far with lots more events schedule for the remainder of 2016 and into 2017. Take a look and sign up for one today.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for October 2016.

Car Name: 1946 Alfa Romeo 6C 3500 Barchetta



## Recent Events: Lake Mirror Classic Car Show



This year the Mirror Lake Classic Car Show was larger than ever with over 1,000 cars and another 500 cars turned away. Because of the show's success it is filling up sooner and they have raised the entry price and still closing early. We will have to discuss at our next meeting if we want to continue to have this event as a Club sponsored event going forward.

Regardless it was a lot of fun, and a show that I personally enjoy quite a bit. Because of the low turnout this year, we did not hold the wine and cheese party at the Hyatt Hotel the night before the show. We will again offer to do this next year if the interest level is there.

PS: My car won a Blue Ribbon again!

**More Recent Events: Ft. DeSoto Picnic & Car Show**

## **Ft DeSoto Annual Kickoff Beach Party**



### **Great Full Fall Day**

Great place, great weather, great food, great cars and great people and friends! Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Florida Alfa Club held its umpteenth annual beach picnic at Ft DeSoto Beach Park in St. Pete.

The location was great: this beach is always voted in the top ten beaches by beach judges. The weather was great: 75 degrees, blue sky with a few puffy clouds danced along by cooling breezes. The picnic area was great: under an open sided “shelter” that shaded ten picnic tables. The parking was great: the cars were lined up in front of the shelter in a coned off parking area

The turnout was great, ten Alfa Romeos joined by ten Ferraris carrying thirty hungry people. The Alfas spanned seven decades. FAC members were: new member Dr. Roberto Bellini and his daughter in his recently acquired black beauty, 1993 spider; Bruce Brock in his 2015 4C Launch; John & Cheryl Picot in their restored, Russo Amaranto, 1973 GTV 2000; Harmon & Jo Heed in their blond 1964 spider; Delmas & Polly Greene in their restored 1956 Giulietta spider; John & Linda Rady in their recently (and **FOR SALE**) 1991 spider Veloce; Bob & Carolyn Scott in their original 1987 spider Quadrifoglio; Barry Andress & Cathy in his red 1983 spider Veloce; Mike Rutz and his mechanic, Ritch, in his red 1979 spider; and new members, Chuck and Melodee Drake in their recently acquired red, 1982 spider Veloce.

## **More Recent Events: Ft. DeSoto Picnic & Car Show Continued**

The Ferraris spanned six decades: a restored 1965 330 GTC; a 1970s 308 GT4, a 1980s beast, 512 Berlinetta Boxer and a 328 GTS; a 1990s 348 GTS; two 2000s 360 Modenas and two 2010s 458 Italia's. The cars were as well detailed as their owners were warm and friendly. Great guests!

Bob Scott fired up three barbecue pits and cooking began at noon. Dr. Bellini brought a salad and his daughter a pasta that were Super Bowls. Jo Heed's picnic cake and Polly Greene's black bean dip got great reviews. Long arms reached across tables and from table to table. So much food, so much sharing, a true American coming together, a day to be grateful for!

After feasting came judging of the cars and, as tradition held, it was lady's choice. There was great participation at the ballot box and the results were clear after all the ladies judged both the Alfas and Ferraris. The winners were the oldest cars and both were recently restored. The winner in the Alfa Class was Delmas & Polly Green's 1956 Giulietta spider and in the Ferrari Class was Bob Dart's 1965 330 GTC.

But the real highlight of the day was seeing three Alfas we hadn't seen before: Mike Rutz' 79 spider and new members Chuck & Melodee Drake's 82 spider Veloce and Dr. Roberto Bellini's 93 spider. Welcome new cars, members and Ferrari guests!

### **Mike Rutz 19 Spider**



**More Recent Events: Ft. DeSoto Picnic & Car Show Continued**

**Chuck and Melodee Drake's 82 Spider**



**Dr. Robert Bellini's 93 Spider**



## Upcoming Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration



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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.alfafla.com)

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

## More 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) 580-1904    [Bill.Waters@RaymondJames.com](mailto:Bill.Waters@RaymondJames.com)

Arrive: 8:00 am – 10:30 am Awards: 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm <b>RAIN OR SHINE</b>	Support Our Cause  Pet Pal Animal Shelter <small>of Pinellas County</small>	<b>SELL YOUR VINTAGE VEHICLE</b> IN OUR <i>CAR CORRAL</i>
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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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. Payment must be received by The Nov Meeting! [pollygreene@yahoo.com](mailto:pollygreene@yahoo.com)**





## Up Coming Events

### October 2016 Events:

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

**FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba's Grill – Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> Dinner 6:00 – 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 – Carrabba's Grill – 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

Festival of Speed – Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – Orlando International Auto Show

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)**

**Festival of Speed – Orlando – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> at Ritz Carlton Grande Lakes -Orlando**

### January 2017 Events:

**FAC Business Meeting – TBD – Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> –**

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 – 10:00AM

DuPont Cars & Coffee – Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, St Pete – 7:00-9:00AM

**Polo Match and Tailgate lunch – Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lakewood Ranch Sarasota -11:00-3:00 PM (Bob Scott)**

Kaiser Devereaux Car Show – Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Lakewood Ranch Sarasota – 7:00-12:00 PM

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee – Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:00-10:00 AM

### February 2017 Events:

**FAC Business Meeting – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – Carabba's Grill – dinner 6:30 – Meeting 7:30 PM**

Tech Session (Delmas) – Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-2:00 PM – Location TBD

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – 8:00-10:00 AM

DuPont cars & Coffee – Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Pete – 7:00-9:00 AM

**Sarasota Exotic Car Fest – Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> (Prancevic)**

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) – Cars & Coffee – Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:00-10:00 AM

### March 2017 Events:

B.I.G Car Show – March 4<sup>th</sup> – Cape Coral – 10:00-2:00 PM (Frank)

**FAC Business Meeting – March 9<sup>th</sup> – Oyster Bar – Sarasota – Lunch 11:30 – Meeting 12:30 PM**

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee – March 11<sup>th</sup> – 8:00-10:00 AM

**Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance (Delmas) March 10-12<sup>th</sup> – Friday & Saturday Club Event**

DuPont Cars & Coffee – March 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Pete – 7:00-9:00 AM

Sebring 12 Hours – March 16-18<sup>th</sup> – (Frank)

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee – March 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:00-10:00 AM

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



**Diplomat Golf & Tennis Club - Sunday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – 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**

Last Minute Event:

*A celebration of European cars and the clubs that love them...*

# *Autocool Afternoon*

**Open to:**



**and more!**

*Join us from 3pm until 7pm on November 12, 2016 as we showcase some of the amazing European car clubs in the Central Florida area!*

**This is a FREE event!**


*Just bring your European cars to the Posner Park Twistee Treat and enjoy an afternoon learning about the auto clubs in the area!*

*You'll also get to check out the new **ALFA ROMEO 4C** and the all new **FIAT 124 SPIDER!***

*Auto clubs arriving 30 min. early will be given an opportunity to set up single-space displays or pop-ups to showcase their auto clubs alongside their fine cars!*

*For more information, please visit [FiatClubAmericaFL](#) on Facebook!*

*This free and open event is presented by:*



**NOVEMBER 12TH \* 3PM UNTIL 7PM \* POSNER PARK TWISTEE TREAT  
1200 POSNER BOULEVARD, DAVENPORT, FLORIDA 33837**

## 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

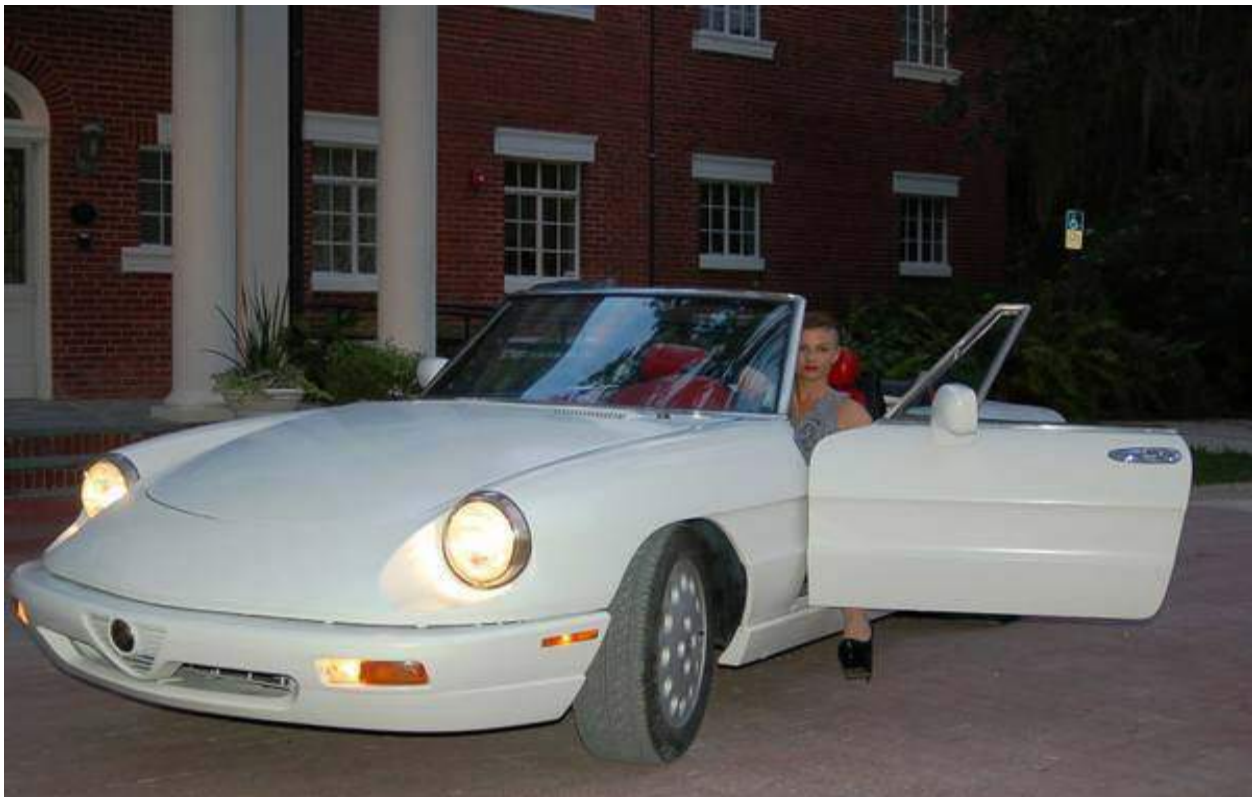


**More Cars for Sale:**



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

Contact Christian Giusti [749italc@gmail.com](mailto: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 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**



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.alfaholics.com) [www.profabcustoms.com](http://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](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. 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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## **Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area**

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.

Exotic Motors South  
13000 Automobile Blvd.  
Clearwater, FL. 33762  
PH: 727-254-9723  
<http://exoticmotorsouth.com/>



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Here is a shot of only part of a friend's car collection. It sure beats the stock market & performs better too. Some are for sale. Contact me if you are interested.

