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**Editorial Comments:** Polo Tickets are available at our next meeting January 12<sup>th</sup>. Join us for both.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for December 2016.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo 4C with Graphics that accentuate the cars lines dramatically.



## Recent Events: FAC Annual Holiday Luncheon at Alfanos

We had our annual Holiday Luncheon at Alfanos again this year and again we had wonderful weather for the event. Even though Delmas and Polly Greene were not present this year because they were on a cruise for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – you have to do that right – Polly managed to make everyone's gift bags with some help from her Daughter.

John Picot trying to park his GTV closer to the curb but not too close with assistance from his wife



Bob's last official duty as President this year – hosting the Lunch – He did an excellent job – Thanks Bob!



## Recent Events: FAC Annual Holiday Luncheon at Alfanos continued:

A few more photos of the gang at our Holiday Luncheon – Nice room!



Here are more of the crowd enjoying their food and good conversation – Thank you Alfanos!



**Up Coming Events:**

# *Alfa Romeo*

**Florida Alfa Club  
Annual Polo Match and Tailgate Meet  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017**

**175 exit 213 then east on University to Lorraine road. Turn right to second gate. Follow signs.**

**GATES OPEN AT 11:00AM. MATCHES START AT 1:00PM.  
BRING YOUR LUNCH, DRINKS AND SHARED GOODIES**



**COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON**

**Email or call Bob Scott for reservations or information**

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## **Up Coming Events:**

### **December 2016 Events:**

**FAC Christmas Lunch – Dec 3.– Alfano’s – 11:30 AM (Bob Scott/Polly)**

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

### **January 2017 Events:**

**FAC Business Meeting – Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - Taziki’s Grill – Dinner 6:30 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM**

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 Concour 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

**April 2017 Events: Lots More planned so stay tuned**

The Festival of Speed Events: <http://festivalofspeed.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**

## Restoration Projects: #1 Mike Vianni's 1958 Sprint

This is a new section we are debuting this month that covers FAC member's restoration projects throughout their various phases from the initial purchase of the car and its original condition – through the various phases of disassembly – stripping the chassis - rust repair – metal panel replacement – engine rebuild – body prep and paint – and finally reassembling the car.

While the first two we have chosen are most of the way through their respective projects – future editions will include monthly updates as they occur. We hope our readers find this educational and informative as well as entertaining. We encourage you to contact each member featured here for more details and ask questions about their experience both good and bad as it might relate to a future restoration you may be contemplating.

First up is Mike Vianni and his 1958 Alfa Romeo Sprint [MBAlfa@aol.com](mailto:MBAlfa@aol.com)

### Phase One: Car's original Condition: As it arrived



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Body Panels look good but can be deceiving – The tin worm can lurk underneath



The suspension looks rough and the engine arrived in pieces along with boxes filled with other parts.



Close up of the rust on the rear axle.

The interior is complete but need work too.





**Phase Two: Stripping the Body and Looking for Surprises beyond the obvious ones**



Needs a new headliner for sure.



The original color underneath



All that old paint has to go.



Just back from media blasting – Lots to do!



## Phase Two: Stripping the Body and Looking for Surprises beyond the obvious ones

Rust repairs begin that were hidden by the paint. More rust repair and panel replacement



Cut out the rust and weld in new steel where needed. New floor pans welded in.



Grind those welds down and smooth out those lines. This is the hard part but almost done.



### Phase Three: Body Prep and Paint

Final grinding of the welds and sanding smooth. Epoxy primer coat and blocking



Fresh paint makes a big difference

New Blue Paint from the rear based on the original



Interior is sealed and coated



Engine Bay and Trunk painted body color



More to come in the next months on this project.

## Restoration Projects: #2 My 1974 GTV

I found this 1974 GTV in California - a race car project that the owner had died and friends of the wife were helping her sell it. The previous owner had done a lot of work and bought lots of parts and spares which came along with the car. Initially it looked pretty good in its red paint, but time and some stripping would uncover some issues and rust that needed repair and or replace.

I insisted that every inch of old paint come off even underneath which was a lot harder to remove but worth it. Had I known how long this would take and the various ups and downs to this story that I would ultimately endure – well hind sight is always 20/20. The plan was to make this 74 GTV look like a 69 GTV with some subtle outward appearance mods, but lots of performance lurking underneath.

### Phase One:

Here is the rear end torn apart prior to new seals and bearings.



The process of stripping all the old paint has begun. A few surprises were lurking under that red paint



## Phase One continues:

Off comes the old paint and reveals some surprises. Multiple layers of old paint reveal a decent body.



We kept finding more areas in need of repair. This is why you completely strip the body to bare metal.



Both door skins were replaced as well as the right-side rocker panel. More rust repairs around glass.



## Phase Two: Making Repairs and Prepping the Body

Rust lurking around all the glass surfaces that needed repair – remove old filler & brass repairs too.



Custom mounting for new Griffin Radiator and integral oil cooler as well as new fuel cell.



Primer coat – see the new smaller tail lights. The side markers and fuel door have been shaved smooth.



### **Phase Three: New Platinum Paint Blocked Twice with Multiple Clear Coats**

Here it is in its final Platinum Silver Paint that really shows off the bodies Lines. It is stunning in the sun.



A side view of the new paint. Under the car & the wheel wells done in body color with a bed liner mix.



**Cars for Sale:**



**This could be your car here now!**



## 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.

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**A Visit is worth the trip just for the cars inside!**

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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