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Editorial Comments: The new Season is just getting started. Join us for a meeting of event soon!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for February 2017.

Car Name: Check out the lines on this Baby! Alfa Romeo 750 Competizione



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Recent Events: Cars on 5th in Naples

This year Cars on 5th was once again held in down town Naples with great weather and large crowds. Some of our SW Alfa group were in attendance as shown in the photos below, as well as our own Ruggero & Carla Santilli and his 57 Sprint Zagato Double Bubble all-alloy vintage race car.



Typically, a show dominated by Ferrari and other exotics it can be hard to get in sometimes with limited allocation for various car marks. This year BMW was allotted on 6 spaces. It is great to see some Alfa Romeo's represented.

Ruggero has previously entered his rare TZ3 Stradale (number 9 of 9) into this show garnering a trophy for his efforts as it was very much appreciated. While the Sprint Zagato is not a 100 - point show car – it is none the less a piece of history – perfectly preserved and with lots of documented racing history throughout its life. Andrea Zagato knows this car personally.



Upcoming Events: Alfa Romeo Tech Session

Due to some family issues our annual Alfa Romeo Tech Session usually held at “Mr. Alfa Romeo’s” place - Delmas & Polly Greene’s home – will change locations. But do not fret as we have a great location line up for you.

This year the new Maserati – Alfa Romeo dealer in St Pete has agreed to host our Tech Session in their new car show room. For those of you that missed their grand opening last summer, their new facility is very impressive. Now planned on Saturday February 18th from 10:00 till 2:00 PM because of the change in the dates with the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest. The dealer also plans an Alfa Grand opening at their new facility soon. Stay tuned for more details via email.



The dealer’s service manager has agreed to host our Tech session and luncheon and provide a tour of the new facility. While there we will have a close up look and inspection of both a 4C and the new Giulia Quad up on a lift. Test drives are not out of the question either. Drive your Alfa’s for this!!!



We have discussed using this facility as a starting point for future rally’s for local Alfa and Maserati groups in the near future as well. Join us for this fun event and support the Florida Alfa Club. Details of the dealership and how to find them are available using the link below.

<http://www.alfaromeousaofpinellaspark.com/>

More Upcoming Events: Fifth Annual B.I.G. European Sports & Collector Car Show – Cape Coral

Join us this year for the fifth annual B.I.G. car show (British, Italian, German). FAC has done this show the last two years and had a lot of fun. There are trophies for each car brand as well as a President's Award for the car the judges from each car club organizing the event feels is the most outstanding that year. This year it is back at the Jaycee's Park like last year.

The club usually meets at the rest area at the Sunshine bridge and drives down together. We will have a hotel for reservations for you soon. Bob Lombardo of the SW Florida Alfa Club and his lovely wife usually join us for a dinner the night before the show.

Event Details

- **Start:** March 5, 2017 9:00 am
- **End:** March 5, 2017 3:00 pm
- **Venue:** Jaycee Park
- **Address:** 4215 SE 20 Place, Cape Coral, Florida 33904
- **Categories:** Southwest Florida, Sunday
- **Registration Fee:** \$25 / \$30
- **Phone:** (239) 283-1534
- **Email:** dennis-mckinley@comcast.net
- **Website:** <http://www.tswfl.org>

Sponsored by the Triumphs of Southwest Florida (TSWFL). This car show is free to the public and open to all **B.I.G., (British, Italian & German), European sports and collector cars, vintage and modern. Awards will be given out at 2:00 p.m. Participating cars can enter between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Participants will vote for their favorite cars within each class. This show will feature European sports & collector cars, raffle items, 50/50 drawing, vendor tables. Food and drinks will be supplied by St. Andrew's Boy Scout Troop 34.**

Pre-registration for the first car is \$25, additional cars are \$20 each before February 24. Day of show is \$30.

Sign up now! We will provide more details of a Hotel for those wishing to drive down with us on Saturday and attend the group dinner with Bob Lombardo.

More Upcoming Events: Amelia Island Concours D' Elegance



Join us for the 2017 Amelia Island Concours D' Elegance. The show has continued to expand with several new venues this year including the RENN Fest for Porsches usually held in California – another sign that this show is beginning to rival Pebble Beach and in some minds, has become Pebble Beach East.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by going to their site at <https://www.ameliaconcours.org/Contact-Us.aspx> <https://www.ameliaconcours.org/shop/tickets.asp> and Advanced ticket purchases are discounted. There are also several other options for the show described there as well.

If you want to see some of the worlds premium cars go over the auction block, there is no better place than the numerous major auction houses that attend Amelia Island including Bonham's, Gooding, RM, and Hollywood Cars. Contact them directly for reservations.

If you are on a budget, I recommend traveling up early Thursday afternoon or Friday Morning in time to arrive before the Noon Show of cars in down town Fernandina. There many of the cars on Sunday will be displayed on the city streets without the crowds. This gives you a chance to see many of the cars up close and personal and speak directly with the car owners without the cost and crowds of attending the Sunday show.

There is a free Cars & Coffee show on the green Saturday morning as well as a Festival of Speed event both Friday and Saturday at the nearby Omni resort. Hotels are on your own this year, but let us know if you are going and we can organize a group dinner together.

More Upcoming Events: Cruisin' The Capital in Downtown Clearwater



Sun, Mar 26 at 12:00 PM @ REH On The Road

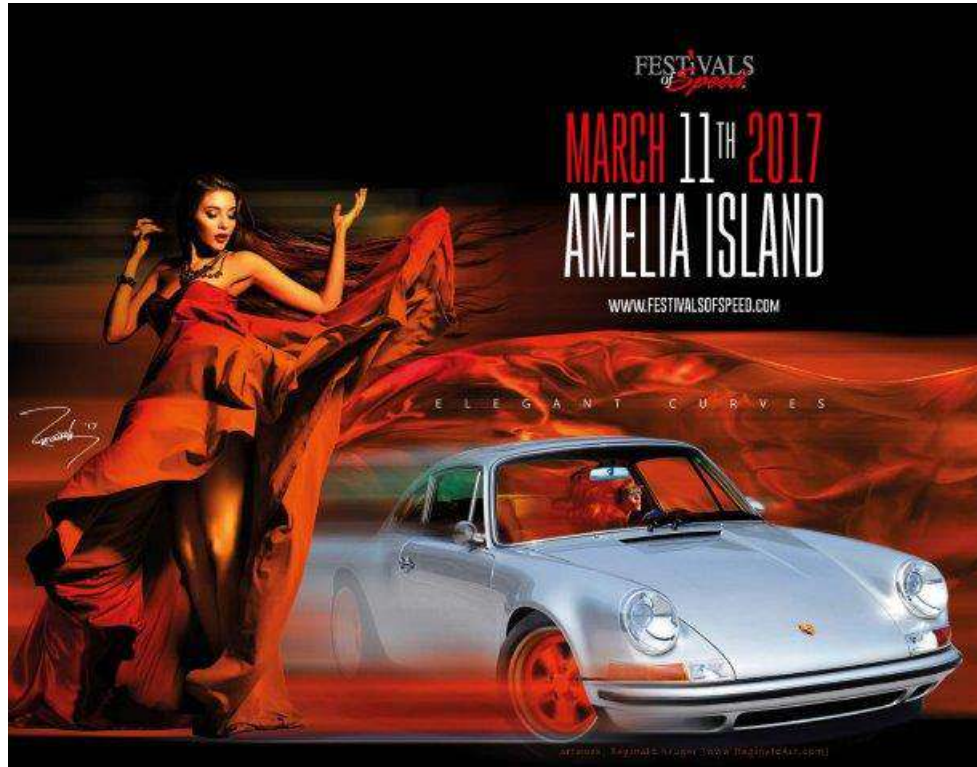
Ruth Eckerd Hall On The Road Presents the 4th Annual Cruisin' at The Cap Street Party on Sunday, March 26 from noon to 5 pm. Reminisce over your favorite classic cars on display while enjoying an afternoon of live music starring Tampa Bay's own Black Honkeys. Specialty food vendors will have food and beverages available for sale. This free event will take place on the 300-400 blocks of Cleveland Street and Downtown Clearwater Waterfront in the downtown district of Clearwater. All ages are welcome.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register their cars for the event as space is limited. Pre-registered participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win free tickets to upcoming shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Capitol Theatre (must be present to win). For more information and to register cars, please visit: <https://www.rutheckerdhall.com/cruisin> .

More Upcoming Events: Festival of Speed at Amelia Island March 10th-11th and St. Pete at the Vinoy April 2nd

Join us this year for the Festival of Speed at both Amelia Island on Friday and Saturday March 10th-11th and again in St. Pete at the Vinoy Park on Sunday April 2nd. Every year these events get larger as does the number of FAC cars attending. Contact Barry Andress our event coordinator for details and/or view their video here. alfabarry3@gmail.com

<https://youtu.be/anurNVymeGw>



Sign up your car for judging using this link (choose either Amelia Island or St Pete). Just indicate you are part of the Alfa Romeo Club and what car you are bringing. Barry Andress will answer all your questions.

<http://www.festivalsofspeed.com/entry-guidelines/>

The Festival of Speed at Amelia is free of charge – just sign up on line. The St Pete event requires a minimal donation to charity if you indicated you are part of the Florida Alfa Club.

Register online "Festivals of Speed". Mark "St. Pete" show, indicate you are with the Fla. Alfa Club somewhere. DO NOT GO to "pay fee" page which is separate per Joe. Instead mail check for \$20 to PO Box 1130, Eustis, FL. 32727. Contact Barry Andress for assistance if needed.

More Upcoming Events: Tarpon Springs/Crystal River Road Rally & Luncheon



Join us for the Florida Alfa Club's annual car rally and luncheon Saturday April 15th. This year we have a great route mapped out with some advice from the local Porsche club. This has elements of what the Porsche Club calls their favorite roads in Florida. The rally ends in beautiful Crystal River where we have organized a great seafood place for lunch as well.



The rally is free but you need to sign up with Milton Watts our event coordinator mwatts7@gmail.com

More details of the starting point and arrival times will be provided via email soon. For those of you coming from further south – we can assist with a hotel should you choose to drive up the night before as well. Either contact me at 727-254-9723 or email Milton for further assistance or any questions you might have.

More Upcoming Events: All Italian Car Show & Drive

This year the Florida Alfa Club as well as other Alfa Clubs in the state are cordially invited to participate in an “All Italian Car Event” (Alfa Romeo – Ferrari- Maserati) at Jürgen Otto’s Home in Sarasota. The Florida Alfa Club will organize a drive down for all cars located north of the Sunshine Bridge. The SW Florida group is encouraged to do the same or hotel arrangements can be provided.



An avid car collector and enthusiast, Jürgen Otto will open his home and Hanger to host this event on Saturday May 6th. Jürgen has hosted the annual Porsche Poker Run down to his place for several years in the past, and recently while visiting a friend’s shop and surrounded by several very exotic Italian Super Cars, we discussed holding an “All Italian Car show” Saturday May 6th. There will be live music, entertainment and food provided. Stay Tuned for more details as we get closer.



More Upcoming Events: Annual Pizza Party and SIM Racing Event



Once again - this year we are holding Time Trials for the Florida Alfa Club's annual Pizza Party and SIM Racing Event held at the home of Ruggero & Carla Santilli. Test your skill around the Sebring Track in an exotic car for prizes and bragging rights not to mention Carla Santilli's spread of Italian delicacies, Pizza and Wine.

During practice laps – tours are available of Ruggero Santilli's paddock and garage. You never know what additions to his extensive car collection you will find.



Come ready for the competition and hungry for Food, Fun, and Laughter!

When: Saturday June 3rd from 10:30 AM until the food is gone and tires are too.

More Details to follow – Save this Date!

Up Coming Events:

February 2017 Events:

FAC Business Meeting – Feb. 9th – Carabba's Grill – dinner 6:00 – Meeting 7:30 PM

Tech Session - Maserati Alfa Dealer – St. Pete – Feb. 18th – 10:00-2:00 PM – (Frank)

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

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

Sarasota Exotic Car Fest – Postponed – Stay tuned for new Dates (Prancevic)

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

March 2017 Events:

B.I.G Car Show – March 4th – Cape Coral – 10:00-2:00 PM (Frank or Bob Lombardo)

FAC Business Meeting – March 9th – Oyster Bar – Sarasota – Lunch 11:00 – Meeting 12:30 PM

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

Amelia Island Concour d' Elegance (Delmas) March 10-12th – Friday & Saturday Club Event

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

Sebring 12 Hours – March 16-18th – (Frank)

Phillipe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee – March 25th – 8:00 – 10:00 AM

Cruisin' The Capital (Clearwater) – Sunday - March 26th – 12:00 – 5:00 PM (Frank)

April 2017 Events:

Festival of Speed (St Pete) at the Vinoy, April 2nd, 8:30 AM (Barry)

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, April 8th, 8:00-10:00 AM

FAC business meeting, Carrabba's grill, April 13th, 6:00 PM

Tarpon/Crystal River Road Rally, Saturday April 15th, Milton

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St Pete, April 15th, 7:00-9:00 AM

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee, April 29th, 8:00-10:00 AM

May 2017 Events:

All Italian Car Show and Drive – Sarasota, May 6th, (Frank/Jürgen) Confirm Date

Breast Cancer Car Show/Rally, Tarpon Springs, May ?, (Barry)

FAC business meeting, Beef O' Brady's, May 11th, 6:00 PM

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, May 13th, 8:00-10:00 AM

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, May 20th, 7:00-9:00 AM

Up Coming Events continued:

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Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee, May 27th, 8:00-10:00 AM

June 2017 Events:

Pizza & SIM Racing Party & Biz Mtg., Santilli's House, Saturday June 3rd, 11:00-2:00 PM (Frank)

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, June 10th, 8:00-10:00 AM

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, June 17th, 7:00-9:00 AM

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee, June 24th, 8:00-10:00 AM

July 2017 Events:

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, July 8th, 8:00-10:00 AM

Alfa National Convention – Montreal – June 13th-17th, with a tour on the 9th (Polly)

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, July 15th, 7:00-9:00 AM

Phillippe Park (Sarasota) Cars & Coffee, July 29th, 8:00-10:00 AM

September 2017 Events:

Sarasota Suncoast Porsche Cars & Coffee, September 9th, 8:00-10:00 AM

FAC Business Meeting & Road Trip to Boone, NC. September 14th - 17th (Delmas/Polly)

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, September 16th, 7:00-9:00 AM

Lots more to come 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. 3rd

Amelia Island – Omni Plantation – March 10th – 11th

St Petersburg – Vinoy Park – April 2nd

Mission Inn Resort – Howey in the Hills – March 26th (Date changed)

Restoration Projects:

This is a new section we are debuted last 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.

We have received a lot of positive comments on this new segment of the newsletter and hope it continues to be informative and fun. If you have any questions about any specific project featured here please contact me directly or the car owner list below with questions or recommendations.

First up is a continuation of Mike Villani and his 1958 Alfa Romeo Sprint MBAlfa@AOL.com

Mike Villani's 1958 Sprint Vol: 3

The carbs and air intake all shiny and clean



New door stops against that bright blue paint



A very clean underneath with new straps



Those new distinctive hubs and more fresh paint



Cars for Sale:



Here is a beautiful low mileage (25K miles) red Spider for sale residing in the Naples area. From the photo's she seems in fantastic condition. The owner is accepting offers but would like to get \$15K.

John H. Mitchell, MD
2933 Golfside Dr

1-239-596-7998 (H)
1-847-977-7988 (C)

Naples, FL 34110

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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.



Top 20 SEMA winner and featured on numerous Car Magazine Covers – Simply the best. Highly Recommended!

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Exotic Motors South has had a name change to European Exotic Center. They are still located in the same shop and run by the same talented technicians with a much larger storage facility for storing their extensive exotic car collection. 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.

Now working in conjunction with Tom Argue Designs for paint and restorations work, the combination is a tour de force – one stop shop for service and restoration of new and vintage sports cars and exotics of all kinds. Don't let the numerous exotic cars there scare you away - their service work is competitively priced and their technical knowledge unsurpassed. Highly recommended.

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



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

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Woody's Custom Metal Polishing

One of our club members had some bright work done only to find out that the shop he had taken it to was actually farming the work out to a specialist shop and marking it up. Some how he found the actual shop that did the work and would like to share that company with our members now.

I am embarrassed to say that Woody's Custom Metal Polishing was right under my nose too just blocks from where we live, and I did not know about it partly because he is located in a very small strip Mall right next to a Pawn shop, so when you drive by all you see if the sign for the Pawn Shop unless you look closely.

One of our club members – Barry Andress – took his bent and dirty Giulia bumper to Woody's and got it back in perfect shape and shiny as new. Barry highly recommends the place for all our bright work needs. Here is a list of items Woody's can polish. He also does Bike parts too.

Intakes
Valves Covers
Bell Housings
Aluminum Blocks
Aluminum Heads
Transmissions
Air Compressors
Alternators
Wheels
Timing Covers
Distributors
Radiators
All types of Stainless Steel and bright work

Here is where to find him and his contact information:

Woody's Custom Metal Polishing
Galen Lamb
1688 Clearwater Largo Road
Clearwater, FL. 33756
PH: 417-655-1214

He is located on the right side of Clearwater – Largo Road when headed south just before the red-light intersection of Ponce de Leon Blvd. If you see the Shell station at the red light you just past his place. Obviously if you are headed north on Clearwater – Largo Road he would be on the left just past the Shell Station at Ponce de Leon Blvd.

Check him out and let us know your experience and results!

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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