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Editorial Comments: See our loaded events calendar and make plans to visit for EXPO17!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for March 2017.

Car Name: Best of Show Concours de Sport at the Amelia Island Concours 2017 was awarded to the 1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider from the Dano Davis Collection.



In Memorial: Estate Sale - (Donald Fuller Roberts, Satellite Beach FL)

I'm trying to reach some of the Alfa Romeo club owners in Florida. I'm the son of Donald F. Roberts from Satellite Beach, FL who was an Alfa owner and club member since 1974. My father passed away at the end of August. Here is a photo of him at the 2016 AROC National Convention:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/lf90fd1fi6lwi0p/Photo%20Jun%2018%2C%209%2009%2006%20AM.jpg?dl=0>

I'm contacting you to let you know that there is going to be an Estate Sale at my father's house (475 East Amherst Circle, Satellite Beach FL) on 3/25 and 3/26. The details can be found below. Obviously, my dad had a lot of miscellaneous Alfa Romeo-related items. I even found the AROC National Convention t-shirts for almost every national convention him and my mom attended over the years and many AROC magazines. As I was going through the garage recently I came across a set of wheels for a 1990 Alfa Romeo Spider Graduate and countless other related Alfa tools and parts.

<https://www.estatesales.net/FL/Satellite-Beach/32937/1459272>

Maybe these Alfa items are important and can find a new home but I'm sure some will just be recycled or trashed. I'm sure you're curious, but I've decided to keep his 1990 Spider and bring it to Atlanta, GA where I currently live. I sold this car to my parents in 2001 after finding it in a barn so I'm sure my dad would be happy that it'll stay in the family.

Happy Driving.

Don Roberts

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Recent Events – Alfa Tech Session – Maserati/Alfa Dealer – February 18th



We had a big turn out with several vintage Alfas on display and 4 new Giulias.



Recent Events – Alfa Tech Session – Maserati/Alfa Dealer – continued.

The technical staff opened up a new Giulia and 4C removing most of the panels underneath for a good look and a lot of technical questions and answers. Later the FAC served sandwiches and drinks to all who attended as well as the entire dealer staff as a show of our appreciation. With her cover plates removed underneath the new Giulia showed us all the racing inspired technology behind the muscle and good looks.



More Recent Events – B.I.G. Car Show Cape Coral

On Sunday, March 5th several FAC members attended the BIG Car Show in Cape Coral, Florida. For the uninitiated, the B.I.G. Car Show stands for British, Italian, and German Cars. Many of us drove down Saturday afternoon and met SW FL Alfa Club President, Bob Lombardo for dinner at a great place called “Two Meatballs in the Kitchen”. It was so popular that when we left at 9:30 PM there were still tons of people standing outside fighting to get in the place.



Moved from the vintage BMW class to Modified because of its engine – She still won 1st Place – Thanks!



More Recent Events – Amelia Island Concourse - 2017



Best In Show Winners for 2017



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Best of Show Concours d'Elegance at the 2017 Amelia Island Concours was given to the 1935 Duesenberg Model SJ-582 Torpedo Phaeton owned by Terence Adderley.



Up Coming Events – Cruisin’ The Capital Car Show – Down Town Clearwater



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

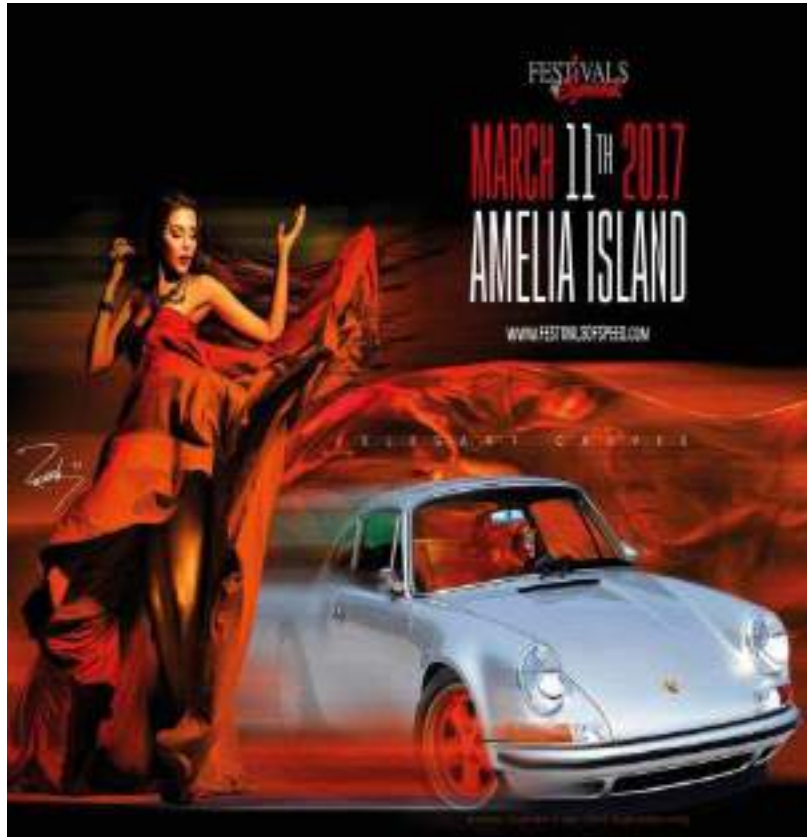
Ruth Eckerd Hall On The Road Presents the 4th Annual Cruisin’ at The Cap Street Party on Sunday, March 26 from noon to 5 pm. Reminisce over your favorite classic cars on display while enjoying an afternoon of live music starring Tampa Bay’s own Black Honkeys. Specialty food vendors will have food and 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.

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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.

Up Coming Events – Tarpon/Crystal River 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.

Up Coming Events – Westley Chapel Alfa Dealer Kickoff Meeting



You're invited to celebrate the launch of the Alfa Romeo Giulia.

The launch of the all new Alfa Romeo Giulia marks the full scale return of Alfa Romeo to the U.S. The Giulia delivers an incomparable driving experience.

Wednesday April 19th 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Complimentary Drinks and Hors D 'oeuvres will be served.

Vintage Alfa Romeo Car Show 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Please RSVP Jennifer Cofini By April 14th jcofini@parksmotorgroup.com



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Up Coming Events - Lakewood Ranch Exotic Cars Fest

On Saturday May 13th, the previous Sarasota Exotic Car Fest will be rescheduled under new management and moved to down town Lakewood Ranch More details to follow but save this date.



Previously we had scheduled on May 3rd as the All Italian Car Show hosted by Jürgen Otto at his home in Sarasota, the Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Fest will now take the place of this previous event. This is due primarily to Jürgen and other Ferrari Club Members taking on the job of resurrection the Sarasota Exotic Car fest one week later. This will now be our Sponsored FAC event for May.



Up Coming 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 – AROC Expo17 National Convention July 13th-16th in Montreal, Canada

This year the AROC National Convention will be held in Montreal in honor of the 60th anniversary of the introduction of the Montreal model at Expo 67. Make plans to be there and bring your Montreal to what should be quite an anniversary party.



July 13-16 (Thursday-Sunday) – AROC National – AROC-ARCC “ALFA expo17” 2017 National Convention in Montreal, Canada. Website: www.alfaclub.ca

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Please plan to join us for the AROC-ARCC “ALFA expo17” 2017 National Convention! The Convention will be based in Montreal, Canada, from July 13 through 16 (Thursday to Sunday).

Website: www.alfaclub.ca

We encourage you to use our online registration system and to pay via PayPal. You are encouraged to register before April 30th in order to take advantage of our generous early registration discount.

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Up Coming Events – FAC Drive to Boone North Carolina

Join us for a road trip to the Greene Farm in Boone, NC. September 14th – 17th with an overnight stay and dinner in Savannah on the way up hosted by Joost Gompels.



After arriving in Boone, Polly and Delmas Greene have our time in the mountains all planned out with several drives on various twisty mountain roads and dinners planned at only the best Boone has to offer. You are welcome to extend your stay as well. Contact Polly Greene for details.



Up Coming Events

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 Sunset Motor Sports 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)

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – 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 Sunset Motor Sports 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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park - April 29th, 8:00-10:00 AM

May 2017 Events:

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

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

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, May 13th, 8:00-10:00 AM

Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Fest, (Sarasota), May 13th, More Details to come (Bob Prancevic)

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park - 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 Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, June 10th, 8:00-10:00 AM

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park - June 24th, 8:00-10:00 AM

Upcoming Events Continued:

July 2017 Events:

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, July 8th, 8:00-10:00 AM

No FAC Business Meeting

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park - July 29th, 8:00-10:00 AM

August 2017 Events:

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, August 12th, 8:00-10:00 AM

No FAC Business Meeting

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, August 19th, 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – Aug. 26th, 8:00-10:00 AM

September 2017 Events:

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports 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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park Sept. 23rd, 8:00-10:00 AM

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: 4

Engines in now!



Have you seen that wrench – I know it's there.



It is starting to look like a car again.



Now just some details remaining.



Cars for Sale:



For Sale - a Silver 1967 Duetto boat tail spider.

Several photos and details of the car can be found using the provided link below.

<https://www.dustrawn.com>

For Sale Red Spider

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 1-239-596-7998 (H) 2933 Golfside Dr 1-847-977-7988 (C)

Naples,FL 34110 jhmsrm@aol.com



Cars for Sale continued:



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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Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area

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!

Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area 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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