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Editorial Comments: Join us soon for our next events. Check out the calendar.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for May 2017.

Car Name: Targa Florio Entrants for 2017 – plus one new comer behind the glass.



Feature Event: Alfa Romeo Showcase at 2017 Targa Florio:

Note: Courtesy of Sports Car Digest

Alfa Romeo demonstrated its racing heritage at the 2017 Targa Florio, the 101st edition of the world's oldest automotive race. The Italian marque has an almost unrivalled success record in the Targa Florio; sitting second in the medal table with 40 podium finishes.



Starting at the Piazza Verdi in the capital, Palermo, the three-stage race held 20-23 April in Italy passed through 305 kilometres of Sicilian countryside, including Caltavuturo, Castellana Sicula, Petralia Sottana, Geraci Siculo, Castelbuono, Termini Imerese and Trabia.

A title sponsor of this year's event, Alfa Romeo provided cars from its extensive collection at the Museo Storico Alfa Romeo in Arese for the Classic race. Some of Alfa Romeo's most impressive racing models from the 1960s joined the line-up of historic cars, including an Alfa Romeo Giulietta SZ, Giulia Sprint GTA, Giulia Sprint Speciale and 1600 Spider Duetto.

Feature Event: Alfa Romeo Showcase at 2017 Targa Florio: Continued

Driven by Roberto Giolito, Head of the FCA Heritage Department, the Giulietta SZ features a distinctive 'cut-off rear', disc-type front brakes and tapered nose, offering efficient aerodynamics that allow it to reach 200 km/h. Under the bonnet, a 1290 cc four-cylinder engine is capable of generating 100 HP.



The Giulietta Sprint Zagato has its roots in racing. In 1956, Dore Leto di Priolo, one of Italy's best known gentleman drivers of the time, badly damaged his Giulietta Sprint Veloce during the Mille Miglia. When he took it to Zagato for repair, Dore requested that the weight was reduced as much as possible, even if it proved complex and expensive.

In response, Zagato removed the panelling from the chassis, fitted it with a lightweight tubular steel structure and covered it with an aluminium body. The result was the SVZ, a more rounded, contoured car with greatly improved aerodynamic prowess that lent itself to success of the race track.

Alfa Romeo transformed Zagato's design into a 'standard' production model, based on a shorter chassis, and production began on the Sprint Zagato in 1959. The model taking part in the 101st Targa Florio is the second version, produced in 1960.

Feature Event: Alfa Romeo Showcase at 2017 Targa Florio: Continued

Known for its racing prowess, the Giulia Sprint GTA is similar to the standard production 'GT' cars with bodywork by Bertone. However, the 'A' in the name stands for 'Alleggerita' or 'lightweight'. The steel bodywork of the standard Sprint GT was replaced by ultra-light alloy panels and 14" magnesium wheels, cutting the car's original weight by more than 200kg. A modified 1570 cc twin camshaft engine could produce 115 HP and a top speed of over 185 km/h.

The Giulia GTA was piloted by Fabrizio Curci, Head of EMEA Alfa Romeo brand and Giorgio Zivocci, grandson of Ugo Sivocci, who won the Targa Florio race in 1923 behind the wheel of an Alfa Romeo RL. Ugo Sivocci was responsible for the iconic four-leaf clover on Alfa Romeo cars; his car in the 1923 Targa Florio race was adorned with the green four-leaf clover and his victory cemented its status as a lucky charm.

An evolution of the Giulietta version, the Giulia Sprint Speciale was designed by Franco Scaglione to be an extremely low, streamlined coupe with sleek, curvy lines. The Giulia Sprint Speciale is distinguishable by its absence of bumpers and large 'shark mouth' radiator and achieves an impressive performance; 113 HP and a top speed of 191 km/h



Recent Events: Lakewood Ranch Exotic Cars Fest:

Alfas at the Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Show, May 13th, 2017 in Sarasota

For years, the Florida Alfa Club has been a prominent exhibitor at the distinguished Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on Saint Armand's Circle and downtown Main Street, entering a dozen Alfas of all makes and models. With the help of the South West AROC the cars entered were all truly show cars and the owners were awarded many trophies.

Unfortunately, this year, the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest lost its charity beneficiary and had to cancel at the last minute. Fortunately, the Ferrari Drivers Group of Sarasota stepped up and, with the Manatee County Sheriff's Office organized an Exotic Car Show in Lakewood Ranch held just three months later. The Sheriff's charity was the "Flight to the North Pole"; its mission is to provide joy to terminally ill children during the holiday season, and they asked the FAC to participate.

Bob Scott's Award Winning Car



Harmon Heed's Beautiful "Blonde" Car



Bob Prancevic, event chair for the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest for the last two years, was appointed as FAC event chair of the new Exotic Car Show in abstencia. Bob did a fantastic job and even got the organizers to give FAC its own parking area for ten Alfas right next to the Ferrari area. Of the more than 100 cars on display there were over 30 Ferraris, ten Lamborghinis, five McLarens, four Ford GT40s and three Lotus Super Sevens. There were also areas for BMWs and Porsches. The BMW, Porsche, Ferrari, Rolls and Bentley dealers that contributed considerably to the charity coffers had their space but no tents. Unfortunately, there was no support from a local Sarasota Alfa dealer.

Recent Events: Lakewood Ranch Exotic Cars Fest Continued:

Because of the later date, shorter notification time and many FAC members out of town, Bob was able to recruit only seven cars to enter, but they were all worthy. When they arrived Bob and his willing wife, Sue, were there to guide them into their parking places: Pete & Joyce Bouchier in their 1973 “Silver Bullet” spider; John Fox in his 2015 “Batman” black 4C spider; Jim & Julie Harn in their restored 1954 Lancia Aurelia B24S; Harmon & Jo Heed in their 1964 blond Giulia spider; Bob & Sue Prancevic in their 1974 “Ravishing Red” spider; Tom & Carol Rossi in their 2015 pearlescent white 4C spider; and Bob Scot in his 1987 rosso spider veloce. Bob was awarded the “Alfa Romeo People’s Choice Award” and the spider veloce engraved on the plaque was so detailed it even had the rear fender radio antenna on it!



Also in attendance were two new FAC members who drove fifty miles south and across the Sunshine Skyway Bridge but weren’t able to enter their cars: Tony Martinelli in his 1993 giallo spider Veloce and Bruce and Cythia Fahnstock. Bruce does restoration, pre-purchase inspection and appraisals on British sports cars. Note that all the cars had FAC logoed placards in front of their cars. The placards unified the cars as one club and provided information about each car, provided by each member, to the spectators.

Peter & Joyce Bouchier’s Car



Sue & Bob Prancevic’s Car



Recent Events: Lakewood Ranch Exotic Cars Fest Continued:

The FAC displayers thank fellow members Bob & Sue Prancevic for persevering through the effort of putting on a new show, Bob's obtaining a prime display area and Sue's parking expertise of the cars and coordinating lunch reservations at Pincher's Seafood, directly across the street from the Alfa parking area.

Jon Fox's new 4C Alfa



Peter & Joyce Bouchier Relaxing



The Florida Alfa Club is grateful to Joe Brielmann of the Ferrari Drivers Group of Sarasota and Jürgen Otto, a Sarasota connoisseur of German & Italian cars, for their work in organizing this event that was well attended by various car owners and thousands of spectators. The Club hopes the Sarasota Exotic Car Fest and Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Show can coalesce into a larger, and even more successful car show in the future.

Also, welcome new members Tony & Janine Martinelli and their 93 yellow Spider.



Recent Events: Alfa Dealers View New Stelvio SUV

New Alfa Romeo Stelvio Viewed by Florida Alfa Club Members

On May 17th the Saint Petersburg, FL Alfa/Maserati dealer gave a sneak preview of the awaited Alfa Stelvio SUV. Because of very short notice only four Florida Alfa Club members were able to attend the two-hour viewing held in a room beside the dealer's showroom.



John Picot was impressed with the car and the St. Pete dealer's presentation. He had previously test driven the Giulia sedan there. Unfortunately, the car was on a preview tour of many Florida dealerships and there wasn't time for test drives. John's impression was that the car had many similarities with the new Giulia, both in features and quality. He noted that the Stelvio resembled the Giulia in basic body and engine specs like length, width and wheel base because it was built on the same chassis as the Giulia.

Recent Events: Alfa Dealers View New Stelvio SUV continued:

Jo Heed was disappointed in the size of the Stelvio she had hoped to be a crossover SUV like her Volvo XC60; but to her the Stelvio is more a compact SUV. Its dimensions are similar to those of the Lexus NX and BMW X3 (it is actually bigger than the BMW X1). It has abundant driver and passenger space/legroom, both front and rear, but very little cargo space, only 13 cubic ft. People often buy SUVs instead of sedans for increased cargo space. Its height is 4" higher than the Giulia's for good road vision. Alfa doesn't advertise safety features that are standard on Volvos.

Frank & Peggy Mann also viewed the Stelvio. They were impressed with the interior room and said sitting in the front seat felt like sitting in the new Giulia. "It appears to have all the drive train as the Giulia just with a 5th door and more space." Frank was disappointed that the car was not equipped with a spare tire, not even a donut; the rep stated a spare was not necessary because the car is equipped with run flat tires. The first cars to arrive will have all-wheel drive. Frank asked if it would be proportional or progressive but the rep didn't know but promised to find out.

The rep claimed the dealers will have Stelvios in stock by late June – honest they said that – we asked twice. The first batch will have a mix of features and options but the dealers won't know what will be on the cars until they arrive. The pricing will be virtually the same as the Giulia with base models starting in the low \$40k range. The rep was taking custom orders at the preview.

When Jo got home she went up on the Alfa Romeo USA website to investigate ordering a Stelvio. The site had a "Build & Price" process for the 2017 4C coupe, 2016 4C spider and 2017 Giulia. It gave a starting price of \$41,995 for the Stelvio base but did not have a "Build & Price" or order process. On the Alfa Romeo Italian site there was a "Configure" and order process but it was all in Italian, dimensions all in metric and prices all in Euros.

Frank Mann's Additional Comments: Ironically, we had recently looked at virtually every SUV on the market right before viewing the new Stelvio. We found it compares well to the Audi Q5, BMW X3 in space (The BMW X5 is larger and much more expensive). Although also much more expensive, the Porsche Macan was similar in size - with the Stelvio edging it out in cargo space and required the S-Model to keep up with it (although the Macan handled very well), and the Jaguar F-Pace was larger & faster by a lot - however both the Jag and Porsche started in the \$60K + range fully equipped. **Conclusion:** If the Stelvio handles and accelerates like the new Giulia, I would choose it over the other SUV's mentioned based on value and decent cargo space. Ironically all SUV's are getting smaller and offering less cargo space. Older Hyundai and Volvos have more cargo space and the new large Hyundai is a lot smaller this year too, but no Stelvio! The Stelvio Quad is a different story.

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

Please RSVP to Frank at fmann1@tampabay.rr.com as it is limited to 20 people.

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.



Convention in Montreal, Canada. Website: www.alfaclub.ca =====

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 on hotel accommodations and more details.

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Quality Inn & Suites University

840 East King Street

Boone, NC. 28607

828-266-1100

Up Coming Events:

May 2017 Events:

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

FAC business meeting, Carabba's Grill, May 11th, 6:00 PM

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, May 13, 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 20, 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park - May 27, 8:00-10:00 AM

June 2017 Events:

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

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

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

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

July 2017 Events:

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

No FAC Business Meeting

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

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park - July 29, 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

Up Coming Events: Continued

September 2017 Events:

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, September 9, 8:00-10:00 AM

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

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

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

October 2017 Events:

FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba’s Grill – October 12th, 6:00 PM

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, October 14th

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, October 21st 7:00-9:00 AM

FAC Annual Fort DeSoto Picnic & Car Show – October 22nd Shelter #2 – (Harmon)

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – October 28th, 8:00-10:00 AM

November 2017 Events:

Viva Alfa Celebration – Disney – November 3rd & 4th - (Polly)

FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba’s Grill November 9th, 6:00 PM

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, November 11th

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, November 18th 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – November 25th, 8:00-10:00 AM

Sebring HSR Historic Racing – Sebring – Nov. 30th – Dec 3rd (Barry right?)

December 2017 Events:

FAC Annual Holiday Luncheon – Alfanos – Saturday December 9th (Polly)

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, December 9th

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

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

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: 6

More progress photos to follow soon.

My GTV made its way down to Luciano Ceccarelli's shop in North Miami for some final assembly this month. I followed the truck down with a cargo van filled to the brim with parts. We will hopefully have some new progress photos for this project next month.

Cars for Sale:



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:



Here is a nice 1986 Spider for sale in a rare gold color!

It's a 1986, 79,194 miles. Good top, no rust or dents, leather has age cracks but no tears. Runs great although it does need a new battery which I'll be replacing this week. \$12,000.00 Jim Bernstein 813-610-9629



Cars for Sale continued:

"FOR SALE, 1982 spider veloce, in great condition. New tires, very good Sunshine Yellow paint and canvas top, very clean black & tan interior, 68,000 miles. Located at Classic Cars of Sarasota 7910 25th Court East Sarasota, FL 34232. (941) 355-1955. Video can be seen at cleanclassiccars.com. Asking \$18,900 or best offer."



Cars for Sale continued:

1981 Alfa Spider Quadrifoglio with 50k miles (less than 100 miles on new engine)

Engine, ignition system, carb conversion, brakes, shocks, exhaust, and more all restored.

Needs paint, tach, and odds n' ends. Runs beautifully! Has hardtop and new soft top. Too many other projects. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Contact: Jake at 617-955-4093 or jakenjones123@gmail.com



Cars for Sale continued:



List your Alfa for sale here. It is free to all club members.

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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