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**Editorial Comments:** Summer is coming to a close, but our fall schedule is packed. Sign up today.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for September 2017.

Car Name: There is nothing like Italian Styling



## Recent Events – FAC Drive to Boone North Carolina

For those of us who live in Florida during the hurricane season, have learned that plans are subject to change from June through October. With our planned road trip to the Greene's Farm in Boone, North Carolina this year being right in the middle of the height of the hurricane season – there was always a chance of complications.



Although our science can predict and forecast hurricanes much better than in decades past, the week preceding a hurricane can be a stressful time as we are constantly bombarded with severe weather forecasts with the storm's "Cone" of possible devastation changing daily. Initially it looked like Hurricane Irma would go up the east coast, but as time went by the cone moved progressively west, but the reality was that this storm was so large that its hurricane force winds would cover the entire width of Florida regardless of where the eye wall hit directly.

If the storm had gone up the east coast the forecasts had it hitting Savannah, or first stop on our tour up to the mountains, not a good situation but something we could have worked around. As we know, that did not happen and the storm headed right up the west coast, our worse-case scenario. The day of the storm we were looking at a CAT 4 Hurricane skirting right up the west coast of Florida staying just off shore sustaining its power with the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

As our friends in Naples got hit hard, the storm suddenly slowed and went further east headed more towards the center of the state – more towards our friends in Orlando. This however meant we got only a CAT 2 storm and the eye stayed to the east of us. While I personally rode out the storm on the top floor of a condo building along the Clearwater bay, others did the right thing and bugged out and headed north away from the storm because frankly we did not know it would slow and more east. We could have endured the full force of a CAT 4 storm as was being predicted.

Once the storm passed, many of us questioned if our trip would still happen. Our efforts to determine this were hampered by the fact that many of us here had no power for up to a week. This made communication difficult at best. By Tuesday it became clear there was too many issues remaining as a result of the storm and the Club decided to cancel our trip. The Hotel in Savannah told us no one would be charged if we did not show and the Greene's canceled the hotel and other reservations in Boone successfully. We hope sincerely that everyone survived the storm intact and are on the road to recovery.



**Up Coming Event: Stelvio Launch Event at Alfa Romeo of Wesley Chapel**

**Note: This event has been rescheduled to **September 28<sup>th</sup>**!!!!!!!!!!**



## Get Ready for the Stelvio Launch Event

September 21st, 2017



An SUV only Italy could create.

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Complimentary Drinks and Hors D 'oeuvres will be served.

Test Drives available.

RSVP to [jcofini@parksmotorgrp.com](mailto:jcofini@parksmotorgrp.com) or 813-907-7800 ext 212

**Parks Alfa Romeo of Wesley Chapel**

28647 FL-54 • Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 • 813-991-3428

[AlfaRomeoUSAOFWesleyChapel.com](http://AlfaRomeoUSAOFWesleyChapel.com)

Up Coming Events: Fort DeSoto Picnic and Car Show



Mark your Calendar

*Sunday, October 22*

*2017-18 Season Opening*

*At Ft DeSoto Beach*



*A gathering of Alfa Romeos  
and other fine Italian cars*

**BBQ at Shelter 2**

## Upcoming Event: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration:



### MID-FLORIDA ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB, INC.

Dear Auto Enthusiast:

***"Viva Alfa Romeo" 2017*** is the Mid-Florida AROC's annual ***Viva Alfa Romeo*** Car Show and Parade.

This gala event, scheduled for November 4, 2017, is strictly for Alfa Romeos and **vintage** Fiat and Lancia automobiles of every year and model.

The purpose of this event is to strengthen the bonds of fellowship among all participating Alfistis and Fiatistis, to recognize those who have striven to maintain autos of rare design or condition, and to provide a venue where we may display the virtues of our cars to the general public.

The site we have again chosen is Market Street in the heart of downtown Celebration, Florida. The town has agreed to cordon off their main street as our show site. The Town of Celebration has been highly publicized as a "Disney Town," and draws visitors from around the world. The location is ideal for attracting a large number of spectators during the entire time of the exhibition. Following the show period, our cars will be driven along a parade route through Celebration. We look forward to a great time together.

Those who participate by exhibiting their Alfa Romeos & Fiats during the show will receive a welcome bag of memorabilia, nice prize drawings, and will be eligible for awards based on the judging of their cars.

## Upcoming Event: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued:

### Directions to Celebration Show Site

**From the *north*:** I-4 West to exit #64 to U.S. 192 East (Kissimmee/Celebration). Turn right on Celebration Avenue to Market Street.

From the ***east and south***: I-95 to Beachline

(Toll 528 West) exit onto S.R. 417 South. Take exit #2 toward U.S. 192 East. Take ramp to Celebration. Turn left on Celebration Avenue to Market Street.

From the ***west***: I-4 East to exit #64. East to U.S. 192 East (Celebration). Turn right on Celebration Avenue to Market Street.

From ***northwest***: Florida Turnpike South to exit #289. Follow U.S. 27 South and merge onto U.S. 192 East. Turn right on Celebration Avenue to Market Street.

**REGISTRATION PRICE: \$40.00**

Special discount of \$15.00 for those registering **before October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Early Registration: \$25.00**

### Schedule of Events:

**Friday, November 3, 2017-7:00 p.m.**

Welcome Dinner in private room

at Café D'Antonio

691 Front Street

Celebration, Florida 34747



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**Upcoming Event: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued:**

**Saturday November 4, 2017**

***Viva Alfa Romeo Show***

**8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - Parking**

**10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Display**

**1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Awards/Prizes**

**3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Parade through Celebration

**4:30 p.m.** Group Dinner in private room  
at the Olive Garden

5021 West Irlo Bronson Highway

Kissimmee, Florida 34746

**Special Rate Hotel:**

**Price: \$98.47 per day**

**Comfort Suites Maingate East**

2775 Florida Plaza Boulevard

Kissimmee, Florida 34746

Phones:

(1-888) 784-8379 or

(407) 997-2439

**VIVA ALFA CODE TO BE GIVEN: "Mid-Florida Alfa Romeo Group" or**

**"VIVA ALFA"**

for the special rate of \$98.47 (all inclusive).

A block of rooms at this rate will be held **through October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

A limited number of sponsor vendors will be displaying their products and services. For further information please contact Gladys Bernstein, Chairman

at (407) 774-7947 or [glad1bee@cfl.rr.com](mailto:glad1bee@cfl.rr.com)

**Upcoming Event: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration Continued**



***Viva Alfa Romeo***  
**Car Show 2017 in Celebration, Florida Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_ CITY\_\_\_\_\_

STATE\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_

(Your signature confirms you are in agreement with the terms on the reverse side)

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

1. YEAR\_\_\_\_\_ MODEL\_\_\_\_\_ COLOR\_\_\_\_\_

2. YEAR\_\_\_\_\_ MODEL\_\_\_\_\_ COLOR\_\_\_\_\_

3. YEAR\_\_\_\_\_ MODEL\_\_\_\_\_ COLOR\_\_\_\_\_



**Upcoming Event: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued:**

**Up to October 15<sup>th</sup>, Registered Vehicle - \$25.00**

(multiple vehicles of one owner may be entered at no additional charge)

**Please Note Late Registration Fee**

**after October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**\$40.00**

**Reservations for Friday night dinner: Number attending\_\_\_\_\_.** Will not attend\_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations for Saturday night dinner: Number attending\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Will not attend\_\_\_\_\_**

**FRIDAY NIGHT MENU SELECTIONS AT CAFÉ D'ANTONIO'S:**

1. Chicken Parmigiana: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Grilled Salmon: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Lasagna (w/meat): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo \_\_\_\_\_
5. Stuffed Eggplant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner Prices will be \$36.00 for each dish**

**TOTAL FOR MEALS: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**CAR REGISTRATION : \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL ON CHECK: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

Please make check or money order payable to **"Mid Florida AROC, Inc."**

**Please mail registration form with check to:**

Margo Miller, Secretary  
Mid-Florida Alfa Romeo Club

679 Silver Creek Drive

Winter Springs, Florida 32708

## Upcoming Event: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued:



### ***Viva Alfa Romeo***

### **Car Show**

**Celebration, Florida**

**November 4, 2017**

#### **Exhibitor Terms and Conditions**

1. ***Viva Alfa Romeo*** reserves the right to ask any party not observing the standards set forth here and the reverse, but not limited to these standards, to immediately leave the property.
2. Pets or animals of any nature or type are not allowed at the event, except for those whose owners are sight or disabled impaired.
3. As a condition of displaying their cars, exhibitors agree to leave their cars in place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on 11/04/2017.
4. Only qualified and registered vehicles will be allowed to park in the exhibitors' area.
5. Canopies, banners or other signage relating to exhibitor cars or other interests are not allowed, with the exception of a descriptive placard, which may be positioned directly in front of the car or on the dash. "For Sale" signs are prohibited unless written permission is received.
6. All exhibitors are required to have full insurance policies in effect for their display vehicles.
7. No soliciting is allowed including, but not limited to, handing out of any material, brochures or offerings of any kind without the written permission of the show organizers in advance of the show.

## Upcoming Event: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued:

### RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of being accepted to participate, the participant, by his or her signature on the reverse, acknowledges that:

THE PARTICIPANT AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS. Mid Florida AROC, Inc., ***Viva Alfa Romeo 2017***, its owners and affiliates, event sponsors, Celebration, Florida, all participating clubs, and any and all employees or contractors or their assigns from any loss, liability or damage caused to the participant's personal property while on the property of Celebration, Florida.

THE PARTICIPANT WARRANTS THAT automotive liability and property insurance is attached to the vehicle that has been registered for this event. The participant understands that the participant's vehicle insurance will be solely responsible for any property damage or liability claims that occur at the ***Viva Alfa Romeo 2017*** event at Celebration, Florida.

THE PARTICIPANT AGREES that any property damage to Celebration, Florida, as a result of negligent behavior on the participant's part, will be the sole responsibility of the participant.

THE PARTICIPANT AGREES that he or she has read and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, prior to the voluntary signing on the reverse of this form, and that this agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

## Upcoming Event: Sebring Historic Races with HSR



The Florida Alfa Club was a main stay at Sebring for years with the famous “Alfa Alley” with many members having wonderful memories of this racing event. Over the years the effort and expense to hold a car corral at Sebring became prohibitive. Today’s race can cost upwards of \$20K (that is not a typo) for such a car corral for car clubs with numerous restrictions on food, drinks and other various aspects of the race.

However, with Alfa Romeo back in the US with several new models and more to come, we felt it was time to resurrect the “Alfa Alley” at Sebring for those members who enjoy motorsports and also in line with Alfa’s racing history. Based on that, we are happy to announce the Florida Alfa Club will host a “New” “Alfa Alley” at this year’s HSR Historic Sports Car Race at Sebring. The event is open to all Alfa Clubs in Florida and around the country. Let us hear from you on this event.



## Up Coming Events: Sebring Historic Races with HSR Continued

We are working closely with HSR to offer you a weekend of racing and fun for everyone whether you drive down for the whole weekend or for just the day. The Florida Alfa Club will provide tickets and sponsor the event. Details of the race are provided below and more information will become available as we get closer, but sign up today.

**If you or members of your club are interested in attending contact Frank Mann at 727-254-9723 or by email at [fmann1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fmann1@tampabay.rr.com) for questions about the event or to RSVP.**

### Sebring Historics

November 29 – December 3, 2017

Want more of the Classic Series of races? Then this is the weekend for you! In continuation of the Classic 24 Hour at Daytona HSR will once again be hosting the Classic 12 Hour at Sebring. The history of the hallowed grounds of Sebring International Raceway bring a special feeling to all of those that attend. With the extended weekend of racing both competitor and spectator alike will have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the racing history making laps around the track. Joining us again in 2017 will be an expanded display of War Birds and retired military vehicles. Parade Laps, RV parking and Tent camping are available.





## **Up Coming Events:**

### **September 2017 Events:**

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

**Road Trip to Boone, NC. September 14- 17 (Delmas/Polly) Cancelled**

**FAC Business Meeting – Watch for an email rescheduling our meeting this week.**

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

Parks Alfa Romeo of Wesley Chapel Stelvio event September 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30-8:00 (Polly)

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

### **October 2017 Events:**

**FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba's Grill – October 12, 6:00 PM**

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, October 14

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

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

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

### **November 2017 Events:**

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

**FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba's Grill November 9, 6:00 PM**

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, November 11th

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

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

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

### **December 2017 Events:**

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

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, December 9th

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

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

## Restoration Projects:

This is a new section we debuted a while back 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.

My GTV project survived Hurricane Irma as did all the other cars presently at Luciano's shop in Miami and progress should begin again soon. If you have a car that is presently or you have plans for its restoration, and you would like to post progress reports and share with our members your experience, please contact me directly with photos and details of your project and we will post them here for everyone to see and monitor your progress.

Here is the latest on the GTV before the Hurricane shut it done.



## 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](mailto: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:**

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](mailto:jakenjones123@gmail.com)





**Cars for Sale continued:**



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



**Dealer Note: Several of our local Alfa dealers are expecting delivery of the new Alfa Stelvio SUV in the coming months. Each will be holding a kickoff event to advertise this new exciting vehicle with lots of music and food, so stay tuned for event dates and times for each dealer location as they become available. Several dealers have already requested that we bring out our collection of vintage Alfas for these events as well – so wax'em up boys – dates to follow!**

## **Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area:**

**This month's Focus: ProFab Customs – Powder Coating Services**



**Their address is actually 12295 Automobile Blvd, Suite A2** 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. Where I go for the best.**



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

**Tom Argue Design**

**5020 110.Ave. North**

**Clearwater, FL. 33760**

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**[www.tomarguedesign.com](http://www.tomarguedesign.com)**

**PH: 727-573-2233**

## **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. Somehow 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! Several Alfa Club members have already had excellent results at a fair price.



## Car Friendly Accommodations: Beyond the Wall B&B



Shortly after Hurricane Irma I found myself on the top floor of a condo along Clearwater Bay. Although we had survived the storm, we had lost power which meant no AC, no elevators, no internet or phones. Eventually the fuel ran out for our building's generator meaning the stair wells went dark as well. Feeling for me after a few days of this, my wife Peggy, safely in Atlanta, went searching for a hotel for me to stay at until power returned.

All of the big hotels along the beach were full of people just like me, and I had second thoughts about parking my vintage car at the other places that did have vacancies. Then we found a new B&B in Dunedin called Beyond the Wall. Owned by couple consisting of a retired LT Col. (US Airforce) and a Marine Corp Sargent – Michelle and Rock. My room (the Patriot room) was large and comfortable. There was plenty of safe parking with large parking spaces for my little white 1974 vintage car. Highly Recommended if you have friends who visit with or without their vintage cars. Walking distance to Main St. with all it varied restaurants and Bars yet located on a main street away from all the activity.



520 Skinner Boulevard Dunedin,  
FL 34698

[www.beyondthewalldunedin.com](http://www.beyondthewalldunedin.com) 727-500-BEDS (2337) [www.facebook.com/BTWBedAndBreakfast](https://www.facebook.com/BTWBedAndBreakfast)



**Note from the Editor:** This is your newsletter so please give us feedback both as to how we are doing and areas where we can improve. It is free to list and sell you Alfa in the Notizia if you are an active member. Also remember if you are restoring a vintage Alfa either yourself or at a professional shop, we want to know about it and feature your journey and progress here for everyone to see.

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