

Alfa Romeo

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Editorial Comments: The fall season is in full swing with lots of events to attend – sign up today.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for November 2017.

Car Name: We liked this photo so much we thought we would run it again – I think you would agree.



Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration



Written by: Harmon Heed

Celebration at Disney World !



Remember when the Super Bowl MVP would exclaim, "I'm going to celebrate by going to Disney World!?" Well, they all should have been at the 15th Annual Mid-Florida AROC *Viva Alfa Romeo* held at Celebration, FL on November 4th. This Celebration is a picturesque little town adjacent to Disney World. Its streets and houses are so picture perfect that, as you drive along the tree canopied streets, you wouldn't be surprised to see Mickey and Minnie sitting on a porch swing or Donald and Daisy waving at you or hearing the "Uhyuh,uhyuh," of Goofy.

Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued -

The *Viva Alfa Romeo* celebration, as always, began on Friday evening with dinner at Café d'Antonio's on the lake at the corner of Market Street. The café provided a cozy banquet room, put on extra staff and served Italian cuisine with great service. This year the room was packed with 59 Alfisti, many of whom had not seen each other for a year. Good food, good wine, good memories and friends!

The next morning the cars entered at the top of brick lined Market where, at the registration booth, Patty Cowherd and her team of registrars Beth Mann, Joyce Suchy, Jane Sanford and Linda Jay quickly in-processed every car and gave them their windshield placard and goody bag. And, as always, the Mid-Florida AROC hospitality queen, Gladys Bernstein, greeted each and every person personally.

Then Phil Cowherd and Norm Burnstine led each car to a parking place and guided it in at just the right angle, just the right distance from another car and curb. Very professionally done so the show's presentation would be as perfect as its setting. Behind the cars were boutiques, gift and flower shops and restaurants, the place is post card surreal. All set beneath a pure blue sky, 80 degree weather and spectators pushing baby carriages as they bump along the bricks, awed by the beauty of the Italian cars parked on both sides.

The event was attended by nineteen Florida Alfa Club members in twelve cars: Barry Andress in his red, 83 spider; Pete Bouchier and Joyce in their silver, 73 spider; Chris & Tiffaney Casto in their white, 2015 4C spider; Bruce Fahnestock in his black, 77 spider; John & Ann Fox in their black, 2015 4C spider; Delmas & Polly Greene in her white, 2017 Giulia ti Lusso; Harmon & Jo Heed in their blond, 64 Giulia spider; John & Cheryl Picot in their 73 GTV; John & Linda Rady in their 88 Milano Verde; Tim Rogers and Dorene in his red, 2017 Giulia Quadrifoglio; Tom & Carol Rossi in their white, 2016 4C spider; and Bob Scott in his red, 87 spider;

Bruce Fahnestock and Barry Andress' Spiders



Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued -
Bob Scott's 1987 Spider



Carol and Tom Rossi un-top their Madreperia white 2016 – 4C



Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued –

As usual, there was a wide range of Alfas although this year the newer cars replaced most of the cars from the 1960s: two new Giulia Quadrifolios, one ti, one Lusso, five 4Cs, three 164s, one 156 (the only legal one in the US), two Milanos, two GTV6s, one GTV, two Giulia spiders, nineteen Series 2-4 spiders, six Fiat 124 spiders (not the new one), one Fiat 124 coupe and one Qvale Mangusta.

Dan Morris and his Qvale Mangusta



The Qvale was the rarest in the show, only 284 were produced between 2000-2002. The car was designed by Marcello Gandini for Alejandro de Tomaso and first badged as the De Tomaso Mangusta after the cars Alejandro built in 1967-71. Keeping with the de Tomaso tradition the car was to have a Ford engine. The development was funded by Kjell Qvale whose son, Bruce, renovated a building in Modena for production. The car eventually became the Qvale Mangusto. It is powered by a 4.6 L Ford Cobra SVT V8 putting out 320hp through a Borg Warner T45 5 speed transmission.

The Mangusta has a unique, three-way, "roto-top." All up and it's a coupe. The center panel can be removed for the "targa" configuration. The hard, rear section electrically rotates (on a forward pivot) down behind the seats to make it a spider. This car was displayed by Dan & Kate Morris of Jacksonville.

Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued –

With all of those beautiful cars in such a beautiful venue there had to be judging and the non-concours was done by Maury Hatcher and Rick Demichina. Inexplicably, this year the cars seemed to be even better detailed than usual making the judging both more difficult and more rewarding. The Fiats were in exceptional finesse. And the winners were . . .

Pre 1982 - Closed: Giancarlo Fruzzetti's 1970 Fiat 124 coupe. Maury, who has been judging Alfas and Fiats for 35 years, said, "This is the cleanest Fiat I've ever seen!"

Pre 1982 – Open: tie, Harmon & Jo Heed's 1964 Giulia spider and Bob Minton's 1972 Fiat 124.

1982 – 2010 Closed: John & Linda Rady's 1988 Milano Verde.

1982 – 2010 Open: tie, Norman & Joan Burnstine's 1985 Fiat 124 2000 and Gil & Karen Gagne's 1991 spider Veloce. Gil purchased this car from John Rady last year at the 2016 *Viva Alfa Romeo*.

2011 – 2017: Chris & Tiffany Casto's 2015 4C. This was Chris & Tiff's first Alfa event!

People's Choice Award: John & Cheryl Picot's 1973 GTV 2000 which they bought new in 1973.

Note that FAC owned cars received awards in four of the six classes!

Eric and Jeanette Ekh's 2001 - 156



Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued -

Giancarlo Fruzzetti's 1970 Fiat 124 Coupe



John and Ann Fox's Black beauty



Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued –

Linda and John Rady and their 1988 Award winning Milano Verde



Peter Joyce 's Silver Bullet



Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued –

Polly Greene's 2017 Giulia Ti Lusso



Tim Rogers with his 2017 Giulia Quadrifoglio



Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued -

John Picot wins the "People's Choice Award"



Warning: This may be too much "Picot" for some viewers – so protective sun glasses are recommended.

Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued –

Harmon Heed wins “Best Open Alfa”



Note: Harmon I tried to enlarge this photo of you (and to make you look tall and slim) as you deserve the recognition, but it became distorted and pixelated too much but it is a good photo as is.

Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued -

John Rady wins with 1982 – 2010 Closed Award



Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Disney Celebration continued -

Chris and Tiffany win the Best In" New Car Class"



Giancarlo drove 550 miles down from Cary, NC. Fortunately for the Florida AROCs Celebration is located in central Florida so not many had too far to drive for the event. Buddy & Marilyn Guynn from the South West Florida AROC drove up 175 miles from Ft Myers in their like new 164LS. Armando Paredes, the South Florida AROC president drove up 250 miles from Miami in his 1988 Milano Verde with his three sons just as he has for the past twelve years. "My how those boys have grown!" Also up from Miami were SF-AROC VP Noemi Sarasola in her new 1981 GTV6 and Jeff Schuyler in his 1991 spider. Eleven cars from the Florida Alfa club trekked a mere 100+ miles east from the Gulf of Mexico.

There was also a celebratory drawing. Some of the prizes were exceptional, like a \$200 Optima battery gift certificate and a DeWalt portable drill combo worth \$300. The Grand Prize winners, Joe and Susan Stigliano up from the SWFL-AROC, were presented with four day passes to the 12 Hours of Sebring enduro held at the Sebring International Raceway in March.

The consensus of the Mid-Florida members was the Most Valuable Player on the team was Margo Miller, the sponsorship chairwoman. She worked the hardest even knowing she wouldn't be able to attend; she and her husband left for Italy the day before the show kickoff.

With all of the wonderful cars, location, weather and friends everyone who attended was a winner and all got to go to Disney World to celebrate, er, Celebration!

Recent Event: St. Pete Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic:

This year's St Pete Yacht Club Car event set a record with over 300 cars this year. The weather was perfect and the show was well attended. Because it was the Sunday after Celebration this year many of the club's Alfa's could not attend. Maybe we can do something about that next year.



Recent Event: St. Pete Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic:

Roland Westerdal's gorgeous 1969 Jaguar XKE Roadster was a hit and won his class



This 1966 Ferrari 330 GTC was very nice

You may recognize the white car from the BIG Show



Upcoming Event: Sebring Historic Races with HSR



The Florida Alfa Club officers will attend the race this year and evaluate whether or not to make plans for organizing an Alfa Alley for next year. If you are still interested in attending this year's race contact HSR directly for tickets and further information. And send us pictures.



Up Coming Events: FAC Annual Holiday Luncheon at Alfano's



Located at: 1792 Clearwater Largo Road, Clearwater, FL. 33756

Once again, the Florida Alfa Club Celebrates the holidays and the end of the 2017 season with a delicious Italian Lunch presented by Alfano's Restaurant in Clearwater, Saturday December 9th, 2017.

This event also serves as our monthly club business meeting for December.

Agenda:

Members arrive for Cash Bar and appetizers.

Welcome

Luncheon

Announcements:

Frank Mann-turns over "mascot" to Barry

Harmon—January SW Tour

Barry—Discuss March's Luncheon site

B. Scott—Polo

Polly—May's NC tour/meeting (date change) Door Prizes/Goodie Bags

If you are interested in attending please contact Polly Greene directly at pollyhgreene@yahoo.com as an accurate head count is very important and determines which room we are assigned. See you there for some great Italian food and Holiday Cheer!

Up Coming Events:

October 2017 Events:

FAC Business Meeting – Taziki'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 – TBA 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:

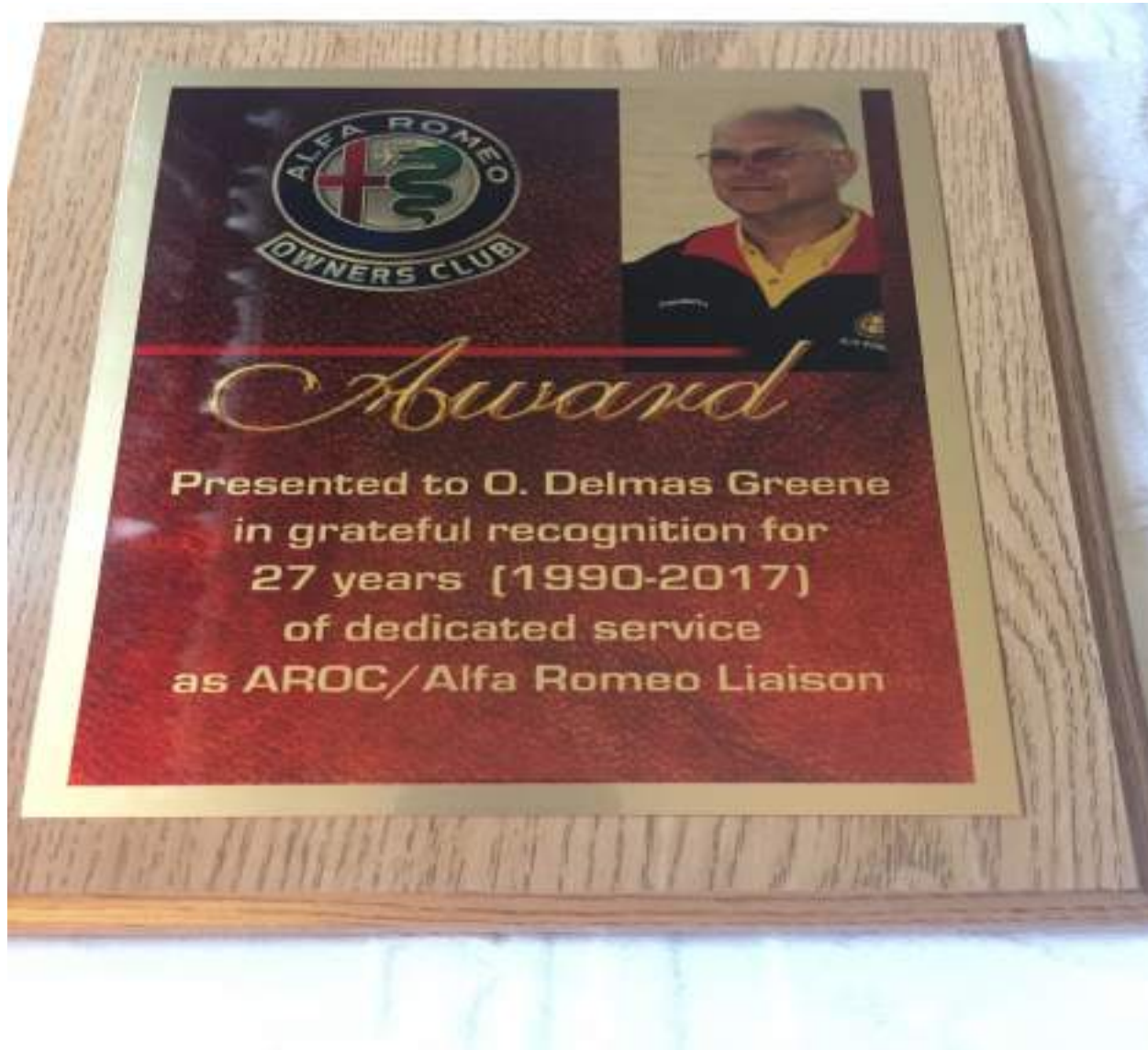
This is a new section we are debuted a while back that covers FAC member's restoration projects throughout their various phases from the initial purchase of the car and its original condition – through the various phases of disassembly – stripping the chassis - rust repair – metal panel replacement – 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.

Recent Awards: Delmas Greene long time Alfa Club Member Receives Award

Note: This is a big deal and deserves to be run again for those who missed it last month!

AROC/Alfa Romeo Liaison



At the 2017 Alfa Owners Club Convention in Montreal, Canada, Delmas Greene was presented with an appreciation plaque for his being the AROC/Alfa Romeo Liaisons for over 27 years. It was presented to him by Cindy Banzer, AROC President, at the annual Board of Directors meeting.

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:

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.



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 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. Where I go for the best.



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. 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.



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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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