

# Alfa Romeo

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**Editorial Comments:** The winter season is here with lots of events to attend – sign up today.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for December 2017.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo will return to Formula 1 in 2018 in Partnership with Sauber



## **News: Alfa Romeo will return to Formula 1 in 2018 in Partnership with Sauber**

Alfa Romeo, arguably the most historically significant manufacturer in Grand Prix racing, is coming back to Formula 1 for the 2018 championship season. In an agreement announced earlier this morning, the Milanese firm will be teaming up with Sauber, themselves longtime veterans of the sport, in what is being referred to as a “multi-year technical and commercial partnership.” They will officially be called the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team when they begin contesting next year, and the press release states that the cars will be wearing full Alfa regalia when they appear on the grids.



And while Sauber will certainly tap into Alfa’s engineering and technical resources alongside any commercial development of the team, the initial power units will be supplied by Ferrari, in their 2018 specifications. Sauber has been around for quite some time though, and while they’ve not been on the same pace as the front-runners for a few years now, they carry plenty of experience with them as the fourth-oldest team in Formula 1 today.

On the pairing, Sergio Marchionne, CEO of FCA, said: “This agreement with the Sauber F1 Team is a significant step in the reshaping of the Alfa Romeo brand, which will return to Formula 1 after an absence of more than 30 years. A storied marque that has helped make the history of this sport, Alfa Romeo will join other major automakers that participate in Formula 1. The brand itself will also benefit from the sharing of technology and strategic know-how with a partner of the Sauber F1 Team’s undisputed experience.”

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Indeed, Sauber's experience runs deep (they are a 24 Hours of Le Mans-winning team after all, and founder Peter Sauber began building racing cars way back in the 1970s), but no team nor manufacturer has roots in this sport that run as deep as Alfa Romeo's.



They were the people that started racing cars less than a year after the company came to exist at all. The fertile motorsport soil from which Enzo Ferrari flourished. Alfa Romeo was a titan of early Grands Prix, winning the series' very first World Championship in 1925 with the P2. In another first a few decades later, the team would earn the first drivers' World Championship for Nino Farina in 1950, while the supercharged straight-eight Alfa Romeo 158 (1.5 liters, 8 cylinders) would win all but one of the races in the season. The next year was very much the same, with the Alfa 159 winning half of the season's points races outright, and propelling Juan Manuel Fangio to the drivers' championship that year.

The cross and serpent's history in the sport is not just relegated to the early years though, and for decades after leaving F1 as a constructor at the end of the 1951 season they were an engine supplier to a host of teams ranging from small outfits to the likes of Brabham, from naturally-aspirated flat-12s to twin-turbo inline-fours. The team returned as a constructor in 1979, though were typically mid-pack runners during the period between then and their eventual exit from the sport altogether in 1985.

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Now, more than three decades later, they've returned.



There are two main ways to look at this, and I think the cynics and the optimists both have some valid points. Let's start with the cynics'. "It's just rebranded Ferrari power units, and Sauber is still going to be chiefly responsible for the success and development of the team. Alfa hasn't raced anything serious in decades and it's more than likely a branding exercise and little else." Perhaps, but I think another rant about the tangle of sponsorships is going to be a bit stale, and in this case especially so, since any claims are unfounded at the moment.

The truth is we don't know to what extent Alfa Romeo engineers will be working on the team's cars, but what is definite is the fact this pairing is beneficial to the sport. Alfa carries with it a fiercely loyal fanbase for one, and that means a wave of new fans might start paying attention to F1 next year—paired with the ongoing revamp to make the premiere motorsport more accessible, we can see a very promising future that draws in more partnerships like this one, for it's also true that this could very well build momentum for more OEMs to join the sport, depending on how well it works for Alfa Romeo in the years to come. Perhaps we will even see some filter-down of the tech in the next evolution of their road cars.



## Recent Event: Sebring Historic Races with HSR 2017



**Recent Event: Sebring Historic Races with HSR continued:**

Ward's Lola with Delmas Greene and John Picot giving advice – or asking for a lift home – you decide.



## Recent Event: Sebring Historic Races with HSR continued:

Ward and his Lola before the unfortunate tangle with a Porsche in the hair pin turn.



More shots from Sebring Saturday.



## Recent Events: FAC Annual Holiday Luncheon at Alfano's



Our Annual Holiday Party was well attended even if the weather was not perfect. Even if there were rain drops outside there was plenty of joy and laughter inside as a large mix of long time members and several new club members with their families enjoyed a delicious lunch. Polly Greene provided gift bags and there was a drawing for prizes which everyone participated in. Good luck Barry Next year.





## Upcoming Events: Alfa and Friends Rally from Port Charlotte to Lake Wales



The **Southwest Florida Chapter** of the **Alfa Romeo Owners Club** is planning a special event to be held on January 13, 2018.



All years and models of Alfa Romeos are invited, plus vintage sports cars of any other make built prior to 1993. This will be a fun, scenic, relaxed tour of the twistiest and most scenic roads that south central Florida has to offer. Even a few hills! For details, contact club member Scott Crater at [scottcrater@yahoo.com](mailto:scottcrater@yahoo.com).

"**Alfas and Friends**", a one-day rally from Port Charlotte, Florida to Lake Wales, Florida, exploring the mid-Florida Ridge, will be held January 13, 2018.

The rally will begin at exit 170, Kings Highway/Rte. 769, Port Charlotte, at the 7 Eleven parking lot north of the interchange on the right.

in Port Charlotte at and proceed to Lake Wales where a stop will be made for lunch at L'Incontro Italian Restaurant on Route 60 in Lake Wales.

Upcoming Events: Polo

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Florida Alfa Club  
Annual Polo Match and Tailgate Meet  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

175 exit 213 then east on University to Lorraine road. Turn right to second gate.  
Follow signs.

GATES OPEN AT 11:00AM. MATCHES START AT 1:00PM.  
BRING YOUR LUNCH, DRINKS AND SHARED GOODIES



**COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON**  
**Bob Scott, 8709 53<sup>rd</sup> Place-E, Bradenton, FL 34211**  
**(817) 313 2945 [rlscott007@gmail.com](mailto:rlscott007@gmail.com)**

Upcoming Events: Polo continued

**REGISTER FOR FAC POLO MATCH**

**JANUARY 28, 2018**

**SARASOTA POLO GROUNDS**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF TICKETS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR/MAKE/MODEL OF CAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB AFFILIATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK PAYABLE TO FLORIDA ALFA CLUB AND MAIL TO;**

**BOB SCOTT  
8709 53<sup>RD</sup> PLACE EAST  
BRADENTON, FL 34211**

## Upcoming Events: Exotic Car Show Lakewood Ranch



The poster features a central image of a red sports car with flames trailing behind it, set against a background of falling autumn leaves. At the top, a black banner with gold text reads "Flight to the North Pole" and "Bringing Joy To Terminally Ill Children". Below this, the text "2nd Annual EXOTIC CAR SHOW" is prominently displayed in large, gold, 3D letters. A row of logos for Lamborghini, McLaren, Ferrari, Mercedes-AMG, Rolls Royce, and Lotus is positioned below the title. The event details "Saturday, February 17, 2018" and "Main Street, Lakewood Ranch" are in a red banner. The bottom section is black with white and yellow text detailing the event's purpose, admission, and time. A red banner at the bottom lists sponsors: Ferrari of Tampa Bay, Dimmitt Automotive Group, Lamborghini of Sarasota, and Ferrari Drivers Group, with contact information for Jurgen Otto.

*Flight to the North Pole*  
*Bringing Joy To Terminally Ill Children*

**2nd Annual**  
**EXOTIC CAR SHOW**

LAMBORGHINI  
McLaren  
FERRARI  
MERCEDES-AMG  
ROLLS ROYCE  
LOTUS

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**  
**Main Street, Lakewood Ranch**

**RAFFLES AND PRIZES, FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC AND MORE!**  
**COME AND VISIT OUR VENDORS**

**FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC**  
**DONATIONS WELCOME**

**10 AM TO 3 PM**

**100% OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFIT FLIGHT TO THE NORTH POLE FOUNDATION.**  
The "Flight to the North Pole" is dedicated to an annual Christmas event providing compassion and good-will for local families dealing with a child suffering from life-threatening or special health problems.  
The Flight to the North Pole, Inc. is a not-for-profit foundation 501(c)(3) registered with the IRS and the Florida Department of Agriculture, Chapter 496.405, Florida Statutes for the purpose of solicitation of contributions.  
Registration number CR33872. FEID Number: 35-227998

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To enter your exotic car, please call Jurgen Otto at 941-356-4626  
[www.FerrariDriversGroup.com](http://www.FerrariDriversGroup.com)

Contact Jurgen Otto directly at [ottocar@yahoo.com](mailto:ottocar@yahoo.com) if you want your car considered for the show

Upcoming Events: Cruisin' the Capital Car Show and Festival 2018

# *Cruisin'* at the **CAP**



Downtown Clearwater and Ruth Eckerd in conjunction with the Capital Theater will hold their fifth annual Cruisin' the Capital car show and festival – Saturday and Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>



It is a free festival with live music and lots of food. It is also free to show your car. More details will be provided as we get closer.

## Upcoming Events: Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance 2018



**This year the FAC plans to drive up Thursday with plans to see the exotic car tour in down town Fernandina at lunch. Then Saturday is the Cars & Coffee Event followed Sunday by the Big Boy show and Concours d'Elegance.**

**While most of us who have seen the Sunday show will stay from Thursday through Saturday and not attend the Sunday show, if you have never witnessed the Sunday Concours d'Elegance it is an experience not to be missed.**

**More details will be presented when we get closer. You can read up on the events and auctions being held as well as purchase tickets for Sunday at the following. <https://www.ameliaconcours.org/shop/tickets>**



## **Up Coming Events:**

### **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<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM

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

### **January 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, <sup>th</sup>

**FAC Business Meeting – Carrabas' Grill, January 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

Alfa & Friend Rally, Port Charlotte to Lake Wales, Jan 13th

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, January 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM

**Sarasota Polo Match – Lakewood Ranch – Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM (Bob Scott)**

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

### **February 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, February

**FAC Business Meeting – TBD, February 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, February 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM

Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car show – Sat. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM to 3 PM

Cruisin' The Capital Car show & Festival – Clearwater – Sat/Sun Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – 18th

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

## **Up Coming Events: Continued**

### **March 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, March

B.I.G Show Cape Coral – March 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Amelia Island Concours d Elegance Fernandina Beach March 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

**FAC Business Meeting – TBD, March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, March 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM

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

### **April 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, April

**FAC Business Meeting – TBD, April 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, April 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM

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

### **May 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, May

**FAC Business Meeting – TBD, May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, May 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – May, 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.

After months of intensive work and full bare metal restoration Mike Villani's Sprint is finally back and it looks fantastic. Congratulations Mike!

Here it is, coming off the truck with what looks like a blue Corvette still inside.



More shots of Mike's car coming off the truck. Mike drove the car all the way to Oregon in a rental truck.



## Restoration Projects: Continued:

Here is his freshly restored Alfa in Lokey's Shop – The 850 Norton Commando behind it is not bad either.

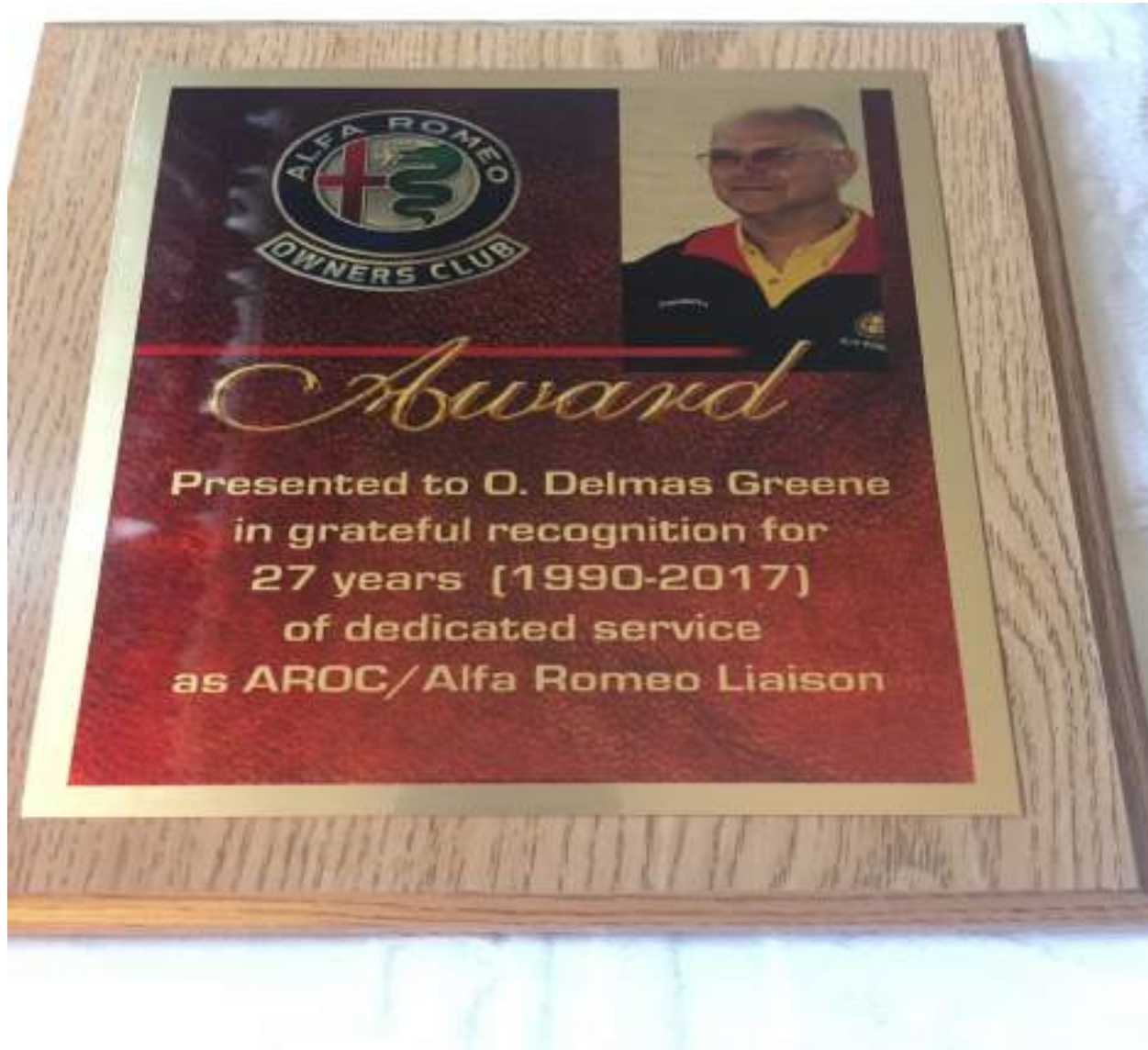


After speaking with Mike at the holiday luncheon this past Saturday, he explained there appears to still be some mechanical issues that remain to be sorted with his beautiful new car. We wish the best of luck to Mike and hope to see this lovely car at a show near us soon.

## 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](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.

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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.

**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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