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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 January 2018.

Car Name: Is this Alfa aggressive enough for you?



## News: The Alfallac: a curious history



From car racing to converting to sports car and returning to its original features, know the epic of the Alfa Romeo 8C 308 that was a champion in Brazil.

An Italian racing car that was converted into a sports model in Brazil. Afterwards, it disappeared, it reappeared in Europe, according to its original characteristics. So, it is the Alfa Romeo 8C 308 that belonged to the count Francisco Scarpa, an interesting figure of the history of South America. The industrialist inherited the fortune of the father, the Italian immigrant Nicolau Scarpa, who created the black beer Caracu, product great success released in 1899, (Caracu is the name of a bovine race, with straight and reddish hairs, developed in the time of colonial Brazil).

## News: The Alfallac: a curious history continued:

Francisco came to have forty farms, besides sugar factory, metallurgical industry and cloth factory. In the 50's, he traveled with his family to Europe on a transatlantic ship and was carrying a cow, which was milked in the cellar whenever the small children asked for the baby bottle. He died in 2013 at the age of 103. "He was born rich, lived rich and died rich," summed up the family lawyer, Marco Antonio Fanucchi.

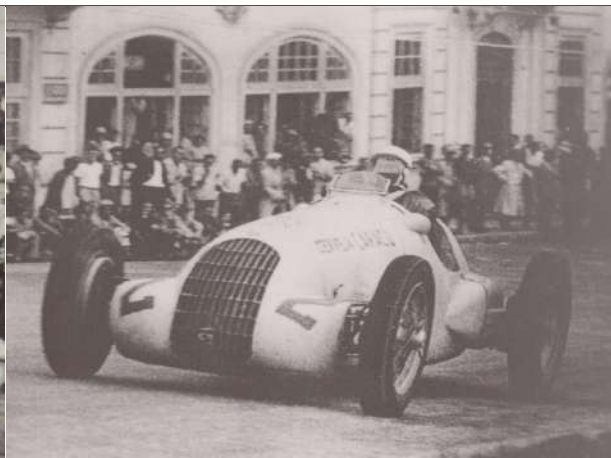
### The Champion Car

The Alfa Romeo 8C 308 had eight units produced in 1938. It was designed by Gioacchino Colombo under the supervision of Enzo Ferrari, then responsible for Alfa Corse, the company's racing department. It had an eight-cylinder in-line engine, 2,991 cc (225 hp). The exchange had four gears and the suspensions were independent on all four wheels. This type of car was piloted in Europe and America by Tazio Nuvolari, Luigi Villoresi, Eugene Siena, Clement Biondetti, Carlo Pintacuda, Jean-Pierre Wimille, Oscar Alfredo Galv  z, Louis Durant, Walt Brown, Chet Miller, Johnny Mauro and Raymond Sommer.

Curiously, the first victory of 8C 308 was in Brazil, more precisely in Rio de Janeiro in 1938. As this car Pintacuda won the Grande Pr  mio da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro (Grand Prix of the City of Rio de Janeiro) for the second time, repeating the feat of 1937, also in the Circuit of G  vea (the famous "Trampoline of the Devil"). It is worth mentioning that in 1937, Pintacuda ran with an old-fashioned Alfa Romeo 8C 35, but managed to overcome the monstrous Auto Union Type C by Hans Stuck. Over time, 8C 308 became obsolete, and in 1946 Count Francisco Scarpa bought one of the cars built. He ordered that the phrase "Cerveja Caracu" be painted on the vehicle and handed over to the Brazilian pilot Francisco "Chico" Landi Sacco (1907-1989). With Alfa Romeo, Landi won the Prova Quinta da Boa Vista (Circuit of Quinta da Boa Vista, Rio de Janeiro, RJ)



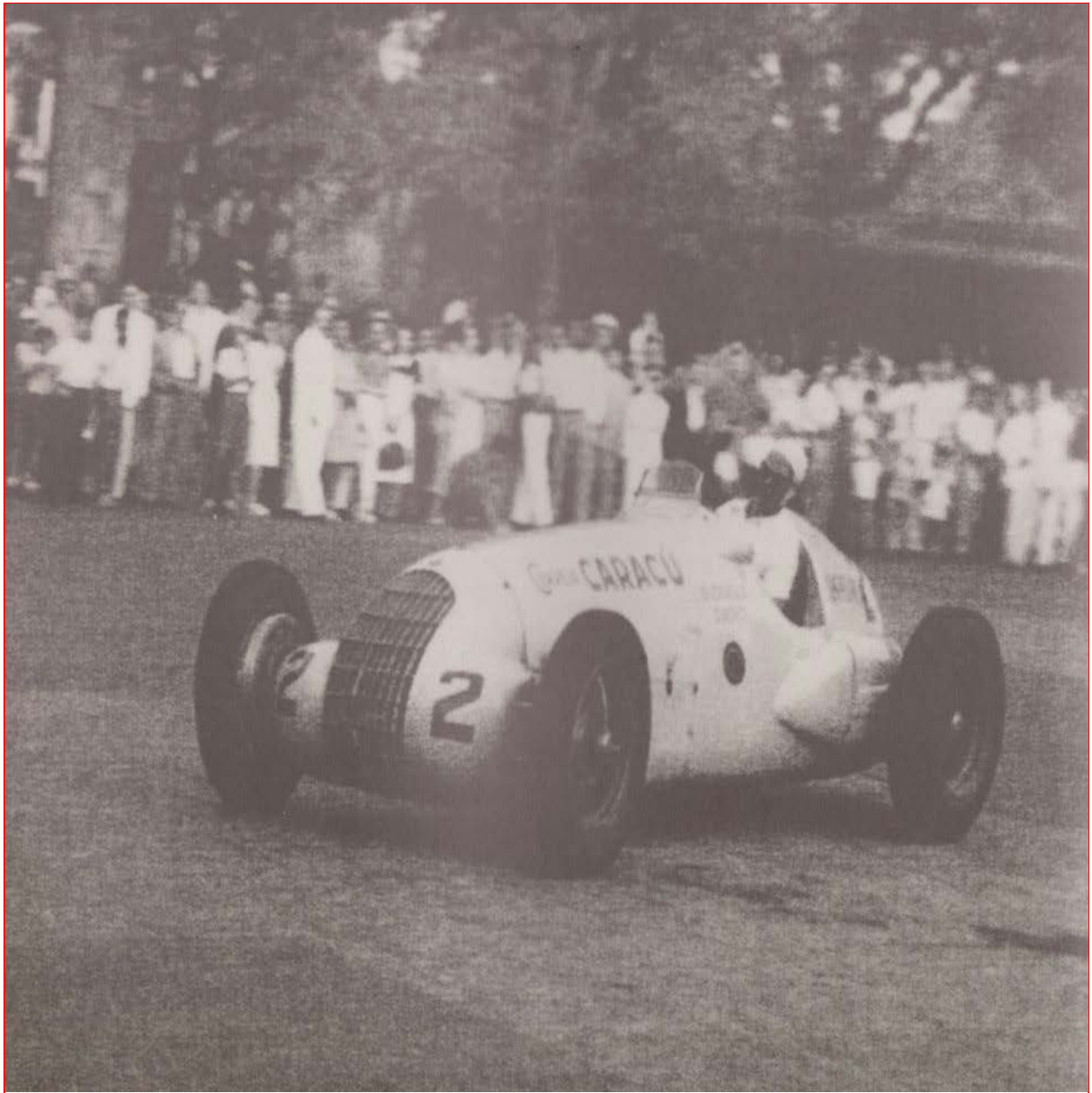
*Chico Landi with the Alfa Romeo on the Gavea of 1947.*



*Chico Landi with the Alfa Romeo on the Gavea of 1947.*



**News:** The Alfallac: a curious history continued:



*Chico Landi with the Alfa Romeo in 1948. He won race Circuito Quinta da Boa Vista Rio de Janeiro.*

## **News: The Alfalac: a curious history continued:**

In 1947, Landi, with 8C 308, won the VIII GP da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro (VIII GP of the City of Rio de Janeiro), in Gávea, surpassing names like Achille Varzi and Villoresi. Also won in the Circuito do Chapadão (Chapadão Circuit), a test held in the city of Campinas, in the state of São Paulo. It came in second place in two races held at the Autodromo de Interlagos (Interlagos Circuit), the II Grande Prêmio da Cidade de São Paulo (II Grand Prix of the City of São Paulo) and the I Circuito Internacional (I International Circuit). The car came to be dubbed “Cash Register” because it was unsurpassed. Despite this, 8C 308 did not do it all alone: much of its success was due to Landi’s expertise.



### *Casini and Landi*

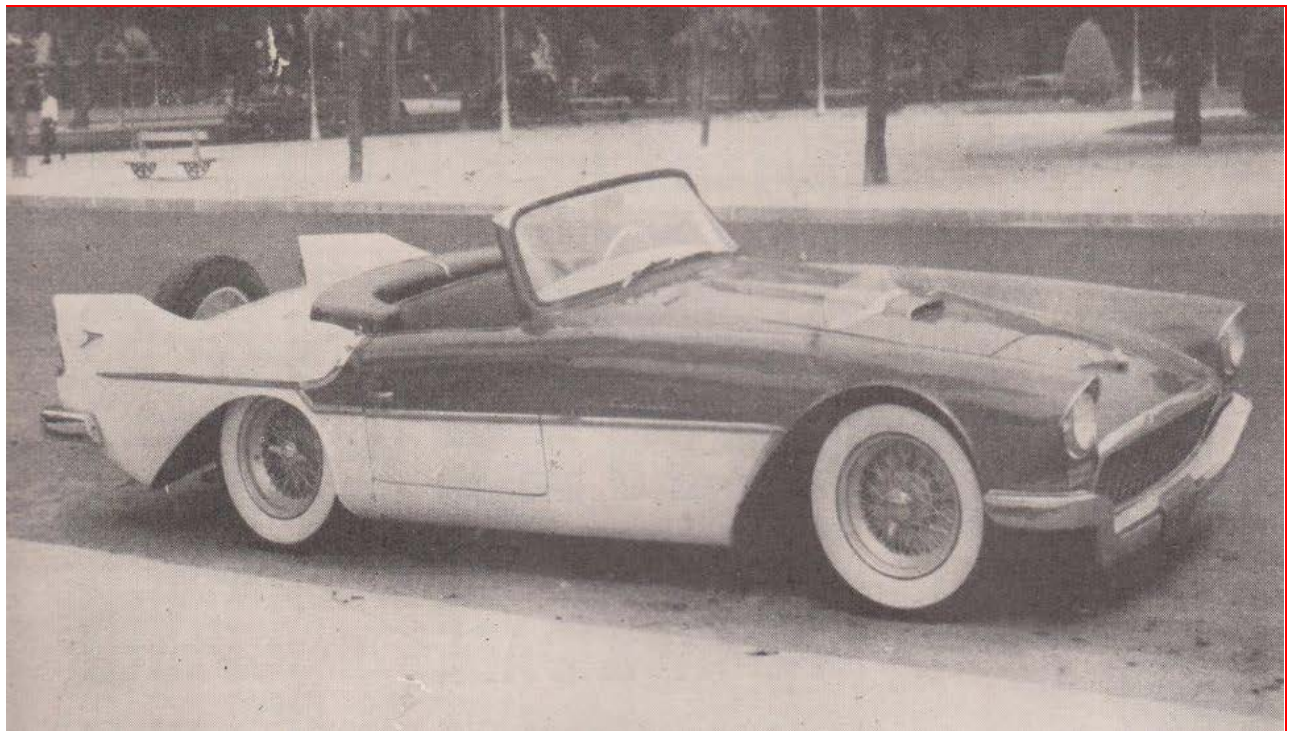
To understand the importance of the driver for Brazilian motorsport, it is enough to mention that, that same year, Landi gained international projection. It disputed the I GP of Bari, Italy, with a Maserati rented of Enrico Platè. The car came from the Netherlands and arrived, on the eve of the race, as several problems. Personally, Landi had to eliminate an oil leak, align the steering, clean the carburetor and replace the clutch disc. Discredited, he dropped last. However, to his surprise, he came third, only to be overtaken by Achille Varzi and Consalvo Sanezi.

Back in Brazil, in 1948, with Alfa Romeo, Landi returned to win in Alto da Boa Vista, Gávea and Chapadão. At the Autodromo de Interlagos, he won the Grade Prêmio Cidade de São Paulo (Grand Prix of the City of São Paulo), Prêmio Lavoura (Lavoura Prize) and I Prova Crônica Esportiva Paulista (I Chronic Sport Proof of São Paulo). In that year Landi returned to Italy and, with a Ferrari 166, won the II GP of Bari. This result made the commander Enzo Ferrari establish a long friendship with the Brazilian. It was the first time that Ferrari won a race with a Formula One type car. Landi would again win the same race in 1952.

## **News: The Alfallac: a curious history continued:**

### **Alfallac Sports Car**

In the early 1950s Francisco Scarpa sold the car to Henrique Casini (1900-1981), from Companhia Industrial de Borrachas Casini (Rio de Janeiro, RJ). A driver of racing cars and industrial, Casini was as rich as famous, being one of the great names of Brazilian motoring. While there were many single-seat races, Casini ran with 8C 308. However, when they began to fail to be performed, the car became a problem, since it had become practically useless. To make matters worse, the Alfa Romeo was devaluing itself. His engine was worn and redoing it was almost impossible. Each day that passed 8C 308 became more obsolete and stood in the garage. In addition to being ruined, it occupied the space that could be used by another vehicle.



## News: The Alfallac: a curious history continued:

Determined to recoup his investment, Casini opted to create a new vehicle from the Alfa-Romeo chassis. He patiently studied all material hitherto published on modern sports cars of the time. Thus, designed a vehicle of own style, very beautiful, whose body was built manually in aluminum, using some common car items. As an example of this we can mention the radiator grille, the headlights and the taillights of the Chevy Bel Air 1955.

The convertible Alfallac, with bicolour paint, had a hard top of wire covered with cloth. The steering wheel was Austin A40, with three spokes made of wire. The wheels were from the 1953 Buick Skylark and used white lane tires. The spigot was Continental type, fixed to the rear of the car. The engine chosen was the Cadillac 1954, V8, modified to achieve 320 cv SAE. The suspension was Alfa Romeo, independent on all four wheels. The gearbox was also from the Italian race car, with four gears and a throttle lever on the floor. Weighing only 900 kg, the Casini convertible, with four-wheel drum brakes (aided by a Bendix hydro-boost), reached up to 210 km / h. He was licensed in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, and received the plates with the numerical combination 11-16-80.

Still in the adjustment phase, the sport was tested at the Interlagos Circuit in São Paulo, SP, in a test of the extinct category “Mecânica Nacional” (“National Mechanics”). Piloted by Jair Melo Viana, the car came in second place in the overall standings. It also broke the track record. After that, the car disappeared. It is known that in the 1970s, Colin Crabe bought several “Brazilian” Ferrari, Maserati, Bugatti and Alfa Romeo and sold them with great profit in Europe. This was probably the destination of the hybrid made by Casini, which went through several owners until sold to an enthusiast from Campinas, SP.

In the late 1990s, at an event held in England, a collector displayed an Alfa Romeo 8C 308 stating that it was the same car Chico Landi won the Gavea 1948. If the fact is true, probably the beautiful sport of Casini left Brazil and was demolished in Europe so that his pieces were used in an almost replica of the Italian car. And, in this way, one of the most interesting sports made in Brazil (and in the world) during the 1950s was lost.





## Recent Events: Alfa and Friends Rally January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## Rolling in a Florida Rally By: Harmon Heed

Between its beautiful beaches on the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts most of central Florida is so flat that you can set a bowling ball down anywhere and it won't go anywhere. The land is of vast cattle ranches, citrus groves and vegetable farms separated by narrow, two-lane, lonely roads, perfect for driving enthusiasts to high rev around on.

South West Florida AROC member, Scott Crater, scouted out miles of those roads and mapped a rally route from Ft Myers on the Gulf Coast to historic Lake Wales in the lake area, just north of Sebring, in the center of the state. The route went through tiny dots on the map where places like Duette, Bereah and Sweetwater weren't, Buchanan, Crewsville and Moffitt were nothing but intersections and, like Scott said, "There aren't any people there." Including cops.





## Recent Events: Alfa and Friends Rally continued:

Then he sent out an invitation to the five Florida Alfa Clubs and the local British club. Nineteen car owners signed up, 14 Alfas owners and five Brits: six from the South West Florida AROC via Ft Myers, five from the Florida Alfa Club via Tampa Bay, three from the South Florida AROC via Miami and three from Triumphs of SW Florida.



The starting point was at a 7-11 parking lot with lots of hot coffee at an exit off I-75 that runs from Windsor, Canada down the west coast of Florida and then across the Everglades to Miami. Scott had tentatively divided the nineteen cars into three groups: the high-powered hotties like the 4Cs, the mid-range cars like the Brits and the smaller engine cars like his 1300cc 100hp Junior Zagato.



The entrants in the A group were leader, Tom & navigator Carol Rossi in their white 4C spider, Byron Owen in his yellow 4C spider, John & Ann Fox in their black 4C spider, John Pokorny in his burgundy, 4C, Ray LaBrosse in his white, 91 spider veloce, Jeff Schuyler in his burgundy, 91 spider veloce, Armando Paredes and Jr. in his 88 Verde Milano, Frank Ambrosio in his red, 82 spider veloce and Sergio Mouradian and son, Arman, in his red hot, 75, Alfetta GT.

## Recent Events: Alfa and Friends Rally continued:

That group took off with a ten-minute lead following the route Scott had laid out in the Delorme Florida Atlas and emailed copies of the pages to us. He had recommended that we purchase the Atlas and highlight the route in our pages so if any of us lost the pack we could still find our way to the final destination. Of course, the route would be difficult to follow at speed for those without navigators or in spiders. We were fortunate it didn't rain, as soggy maps are really hard to read when flapping in the wind.



At the 7-11, due to new and no shows, Scott changed the mid group to all British cars led by Dennis McKinley in his 74 TR4 with Brookshield wind screens, Rollie Welch in his 73 red, MGB, and in their gentlemanly AH 3000s, Alfred Jensen, Ed O'Neal and Robert Teller.

The roads Scott picked were definitely lonely, with very little traffic, and the Alfas flew along faster than the absent speed limit signs would allow. Long straightaways separated ranches from citrus groves and then chicanes as property corners didn't match or streams curved the roads. There were even two, one lane bridges to cross with a row of pick-in-up trucks waiting on the other side, awe eyed, as we roared over and by. The occasional traffic encountered, like hay and produce trailers and pick-ups, drove at such respectable speeds that the road kill was also respectable and flocks of vultures were often overhead. Those big birds may be ugly but they do help keep Florida clean.





## Recent Events: Alfa and Friends Rally continued:

A midway pit stop was made to get rid of the first coffee 75 miles ago and to get more for the drop top drivers; it was chilly that morning. The line was long at the only men's room in the only gas station in town until the big oak tree behind the station was noticed. The British cars didn't show, it was surmised that they took a different course but later we learned that they dropped out due to the chill. And the gas station didn't serve tea.

Groups A & C left the pit simultaneously with A still leading. Somewhere along the track we passed a spider sitting beside the road. It was Tony & Kathleen LaPerta in their 74 ivorio veloce and they roared into line. Soon group C, consisting of Scott in his white, Junior Zagato, his uncle Kempton Shields in his 94 164LS and Harmon & Jo Heed in their 64 blond Giulia spider took the lead. Scott, with the smallest displacement and horsepower put the pedal down and the speed went up. Tom & Carol in their 4C and the Armandos in their Milano stayed glued to the spider veloce's tail. The fifteen Alfas flew by solitary farm houses and barns, along the wasteland of phosphate strip mining pits and fields where cattle looked up and Hispanic workers smiled and waved to us as we whizzed by.



It wasn't long before the group slid into the final destination, L'incontro Italian Restaurant. That was the "glasso sulla torta", the frosting on the cake of the rally. L'incontro is a small bistro with a more gourmet menu and a price in between. The staff magically seated and served 20 of us who, despite staggered starts, all arrived at the same time. If you're ever in Lake Wales, FL, eat there.





## **Recent Events: Alfa and Friends Rally continued:**

After lunch we all departed on our own ways home, some stopping to sight see before hitting 200 miles on our odometers as we entered our garages. Central Florida doesn't have the scenic panoramas of the Rockies or Sierra Nevada's but there are historic sights to see. Jo & I stopped to tour the Gamble Mansion in Bradenton. It's the only surviving antebellum plantation house on the Florida peninsula. In the mid-1800s it was the center of a 3,500 acre sugar plantation and where the Secretary of State of the Confederacy took refuge while escaping the Union troops. Its two-foot thick walls and buttresses are made of "tabby" a concrete like mixture of lime and crushed coquina shells, strong enough to withstand almost 200 years of Florida heat, humidity and hurricanes.

Central Florida may be flat but it is a fantastic place for Alfas to roll on narrow, secluded roads and for people to sight see!

**Special Note: Thanks to Scott Crater and the Southwest Florida Alfa Club for organizing this event.**

Upcoming Events: Polo

# *Alfa Romeo*

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

### **2nd Annual Exotic Car Festival Lakewood Ranch**

**Main Street, Lakewood Ranch**

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**



**Presented By  
FERRARI DRIVERS GROUP**



#### **Featuring**

**OVER 100 EXOTIC CARS, INCLUDING RARE FERRARIS,  
LAMBORGHINIS, BENTLEYS, LOTUS, ROLLS ROYCES,  
MCLARENS AND OTHERS.**

**ALSO A STATIC DISPLAY FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
INCLUDING THE SWAT TEAM TACTICAL TRUCK.**

#### **Sponsored By**

***Ferrari of Tampa Bay***

***Dimmitt  
Automotive Group***

***Lamborghini of Sarasota***



#### **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. [www.FlightToTheNorthPole.org](http://www.FlightToTheNorthPole.org)

The Flight to the North Pole, Inc. is a not-for-profit foundation 501c3 registered with the IRS and the Florida Department of Agriculture, chapter s. 496.405, Florida Statutes for the purpose of solicitation of contributions.

Registration number CH33872. FEID Number: 35-2279508



**FREE ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS**

Contact Harmon Heed if you are bringing an alfa [harmonheed@gmail.com](mailto:harmonheed@gmail.com)

**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: The B.I.G Show



## The Sixth Annual B.I.G. European Sports and Collector Car Show

(British, Italian & German)

**Sunday, March 04, 2018**

**Jaycee Park**, 4215 SE 20 Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904

**(Rain or Shine)**

Sponsored by

**Triumphs of Southwest Florida, (TSWFL)**

We have another opportunity this year for various clubs to have their members share with fellow enthusiasts and the public their enjoyment and experiences of owning a **B.I.G.** European sports or collector car.

**British**

**Italian**

**German**



This car show is free to the public and open to all **B.I.G.** European sports and collector cars, vintage and modern, held on Sunday, March 04, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Participating cars can enter the show-field between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Balloting closes at 1:00 pm. Participants will vote for their favorite cars within each class. Show ends at 2:00 pm. Awards presentation follows immediately.

\*\*\*\*\* **Pre-registration will end on February 18th.** All show entry material will be provided at sign-in.  
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**Go to: [www.tswfl.org](http://www.tswfl.org) for The B.I.G. Show Registration Form**

This show features European Sports & Collector Cars, 50/50 drawing, vendor tables and more...

Hot Food and Cold Drinks provided by **St. Andrew's Boy Scout Troop 34.**

### **Registration Fees:**

Pre-Registration, (pre-registration ensures you will be parked in your class during the show and we have the correct number of trophies) First Car is **\$30.00**. Additional cars are \$25.00 each. Cars registered after Feb. 18th, are all **\$45.00. Registration limited to 200 Vehicles.**

**Event Coordinator**, Dennis McKinley, can be contacted at (239) 283-1534 or [dennis-mckinley@comcast.net](mailto:dennis-mckinley@comcast.net)



## Upcoming Events: The B.I.G Show continued:

### Are you coming from out of town to be in the 2018 B.I.G. Show?

We are glad you can make it, so we have left the light on at the Casa Loma Motel for less expensive rooms than the **Holiday Inn Express** listed below. **The Casa Loma** has reasonable rates for Saturday night, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday night, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Reserve your room as soon as possible. The Casa Loma Motel is 1.5 miles or 3 minutes from Jaycee Park.

#### **Casa Loma Motel,**

3608 Del Prado Blvd South,  
Cape Coral, Florida 33904,  
Phone: 877- CASALOMA or 239-549-6000



Another option close to Jaycee Park is the **Holiday Inn Express**. The Holiday Inn is 1.6 miles or about 4 minutes from Jaycee Park.

#### **Holiday Inn Express**

1538 Cape Coral Pkwy E,  
Cape Coral, FL 33904,  
Phone: (239) 542-2121.



**If you wish to attend here are the required registration forms and class definitions for your use**



2018 B.I.G. Show  
Classes.pdf



2018 B.I.G. Show  
Registration Information



2018 B.I.G.  
Registration Form Fill

## **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:**

### **January 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 8-10:00AM

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

Alfa & Friend Rally, Port Charlotte to Lake Wales, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

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 Southgate Community Center – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00 AM

### **February 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 8-10:00AM

**FAC Business Meeting – Carraba's Grill, February 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

FAC Tech Session – Delmas/Polly Greene's House, February 10<sup>th</sup>

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> – 18<sup>th</sup>

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Feb 24<sup>th</sup> , 8:00-10:00 AM

### **March 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, March 10<sup>th</sup> 8-10:00AM

B.I.G Show Cape Coral – March 3-4<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 – Quaker State and Lube, Lunch 11:00AM - March 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM**

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – March 31<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00 AM

### **April 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, April 14<sup>th</sup> 8-10:00AM

**FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba's Grill, 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 Southgate Community Center – April 28<sup>th</sup> , 8:00-10:00 AM



## **Up Coming Events: Continued**

### **May 2018 Events:**

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, May 12<sup>th</sup> 8-10:00AM

**FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba's Grill, 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 Southgate Community Center – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

This month we have an update on the progress of my GTV project which admittedly is going slowly. Here are some updated shots of the car's progress.

The new Alfaholics breaking system is mounted and all lines connected.



## Restoration Projects: Continued:

The engine is installed and now on to the electrical work and fuel system.



The battery, fuel pump and fuel regulator/filter are all now in the rear of the car next to the new fuel cell



For you racing fans here is a video from Sebring that you might enjoy:

[Sebring A Time of Glory](#)



Recent Awards: Delmas Greene long time

### **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 Notes: The St Pete Maserati/Alfa Dealer has a brand new 2018 Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio that just arrived in Silver. If anyone has an interest in seeing it or driving it, please give them a call.**

## **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**

**[info@tomarguedesign.com](mailto:info@tomarguedesign.com)**

**[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.

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## **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 is 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: 417-655-1242

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.

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

### **Import Automotive in Palm Harbor.**

Did a great job with Wheel Alignment on my Alfa Spider. They provide a graphic as what the set up was before and after they did the adjustment. Their computer has all the factory specs so they know exactly while they are working on it as to needing to be plus or minus. They are located at 1502 alt. 19 Palm Harbor, Fl. 34683 727-784-1959

### **Dependable Driveshaft, Inc**

12284 East Street N

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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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