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



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for November 2018.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo's Lineup of vehicles



News:



This month's newsletter has lost a lot of weight not unlike its editor, but primarily from all the past history of events we had to catch up on based on my absence in last month's edition. This is not to say there is nothing coming in future months. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I recently attended our annual Florida Alfa Club Board meeting where we mapped out events planned for the coming year. Details of these events will be added to the newsletter's calendar as their details become confirmed. They include our annual Polo event in Sarasota, another thrilling Road rally, our annual Pizza and SIM racing Party, and a few other special events we are working on as we speak. More details to follow.

Please keep in mind that the Notizia offers a free service to its members who have a vehicle for sale. Just send us details of your car for sale along with a brief description, what you are asking for it and contact information and we will list your vehicle in the monthly newsletter for other Alfista's to see. This service is also available for spare parts as well.

Also, if you are restring a vehicle and wants others in the club to see your progress send us photos at each phase of the restoration for us to document your project and allow others to share in your excitement and/or frustration. Also if you have experience with a local repair shop, paint shop, polishing/chrome shop or know of a good place to get some hard to find hardware for your new or vintage Alfa please share that with us and we will share it with the membership.

Recent Events: Fort Desoto Picnic and Car Show



Written by: Harmon Heed

Autumn In Florida

“The autumn fronds, wave by my window”, but they don’t change color. However, one beautiful color change in Florida is the autumnal reddening of the roads as our Alfas come out of Summer hibernation.



It is said that Florida has but two seasons: Summer and Hell. So, Summer begins here in October and that’s when the Florida Alfa Club starts its season with a gathering at Ft DeSoto beach, perennially rated as one of the top five best beaches in the USA. The county park is located on Mullet Key, just outside the Sunshine Skyway Bridge that spans the entrance to Tampa Bay, the Golden Gate of West Florida.

Recent Events: Fort Desoto Picnic and Car Show continued

The club rents Shelter 2, a concrete tent that holds ten picnic tables and has four barbecue pits, water faucets and covered trash cans behind it. In front is the public parking the where the club's Alfas line up. Chief Ranger Mike Agliano always drops off cones so we can reserve our own display area. Beach goers and people gathering at other shelters always come by and enjoy the free car show.



The line-up this year consisted of 17 mature Alfas: Phil Rosile in his 1969 roundtail spider, Barry Andress and Cathie in his 1972 GTV, Cheryl & John Picot in her 1973 GTV, Sue & Bob Prancevic in her 1974 spider Veloce, Allan Flores and Jacira Basulto in his 1975 spider Veloce, Bob Scott in his 1987 spider Quadrifoglio, Dan & Dianne Castorani in their 1987 Milano, John & Linda Rady in their 1988 Milano, Dr. Dave Wolfe in his 1991 spider Veloce and event organizers Jim & Gabie Zitnick in their 1991 spider Veloce, Chip Denyko and his friend Melissa finally made it but his 1993 spider Veloce remained on the east side of the Bay due a fuel line leak.



One third of the Alfas were the newer models beginning with two 2015 4Cs: Bruce Brock in his Launch and Tom & Carol Rossi in their spider. And four comfortable, air conditioned 2017 Giulias: Kelly & Tom Chesnut and Paul Ziegler in their Tis, Delmas & Polly Greene in their Ti Lusso and Tim Rogers and Doreen Wright in his in Quadrifoglio.

Recent Events: Fort Desoto Picnic and Car Show continued

There was the requisite judging and, as always, at this event it was Lady's Choice. Ballots were handed out when all the cars arrived at 11:00. After an hour of everybody reacquainting, Jimmy Z had the barbeque pits fired up and the picnic began. If you're ever here in October and attend this event don't bring food, there's already an abundance on the tables. After lunch more chit chat, "Will we see you next month at Celebration by Disney World?" more judging and the winner was announced: Barry Andress' 72 GTV nosed out the Picot's 73 GTV and Barry & Cathie took home an Alfa wall clock.



There's much more to Ft DeSoto than just this great gathering of friends and cars. There's walking in what we call our "winter wonderland" on white sand beside a calm lagoon, watching the teeming shore birds like terns and sandpipers skitter along the wavelet foam, wading or swimming out into the calm turquoise water, sightseeing at the old civil war fort or taking a tour boat out to the military museum on nearby Egmont Key. All under a bright blue sky, 80 degree weather with a soft, cooling breeze.



The leaves don't change color here, they wave to us and welcome our cars back.

Recent Events: Viva Alfa at Celebration

Here are some images from this year's event. A complete write up will come in next month's issue.



Up Coming Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano’s



Contact Polly Greene at alfagreene@earthlink.net or pollyhgreene@yahoo.com

1702 Clearwater Largo Rd N, Clearwater, FL 33756 from 11:30 till 2:00 Saturday Dec. 8th

Cost: \$33.00 per person

Includes: Light Hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée, bread and dessert as well as your choice of tea, coffee or soft drink. Cash bar will be available for those wishing for an alcoholic beverage.

Mail reservations to: Polly Greene, 1410 Pineapple Lane, Clearwater, FL 33759. Please include names of person(s) attending and make checks payable to Florida Alfa Club. All reservations should be into Polly NO LATER than Saturday, December 1, 2018.

FLORIDA ALFA CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON (Dec. 8, 2018) RESERVATION

Name(s) of person(s) attending: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Up Coming Event: Port Charlotte to Lake Wales Rally



Save the Date !

Southwest Florida AROC'S 3rd Annual Pt Charlotte to Lake Wales Rally

Pt Charlotte start is only 40 minutes south of Sarasota just off of I-75. Many motels at I-75 intersection. It's worth the stay! Lake Wales finish is only 45 miles east of I-75 at Tampa I-4. After lunch at L'Incontro bistro we at will be on our own roads.



All Alfas and other sports car marques manufactured prior to 1993 are invited. Last year there were 19 entrants, 5 from FAC.

The entrants will be divided into three comfort classes.

For more info contact Harmonheed@gmail.com.

This is one, fun rollicking romp!

Up Coming Events:

November 2018 Events:

Viva Alfa at Celebration – Sat – Nov. 3rd

St. Pete car show @ Yacht Club grounds – Sunday Nov. 4th

FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba’s Grill Clearwater, November 8th 6:00 PM

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, Nov. 13th 8-10:00AM

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Nov. 24th, 8:00-10:00 AM

December 2018 Events:

Annual Alfa Club Christmas luncheon at Alfano's, 11:30 till 2:00 – Sat. Dec. 8th

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, Dec. 8th 8-10:00AM

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Dec. 29th, 8:00-10:00 AM

January 2019 Events

Annual Port Charlotte to Lake Wales Rally January 5th details inside

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, Jan. 5th 8-10:00AM

FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba’s Grill Clearwater on Hwy 60 – January 10th 6:00PM

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, Jan. 19th 7:00-9:00 AM

Polo Match and Car show – Sarasota Polo Fields - Sunday January 20th – Contact Bob Scott

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Jan. 26th, 8:00-10:00 AM

Restoration Projects:

Note: Do you have an Alfa under restoration – who doesn't right? Well send us your progress photos to share with the club whether just a paint job or a bare metal full on restoration.

Cars for Sale:



Note: Sell your vintage Alfa here. Its free to FAC members. Just send us photos and a brief description of your car, what you want for it, and how to reach you. There is another Alfisti looking for your car now!

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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