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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 2019.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo's 6C – Rumors of a new 8C being reintroduced with over 700 HP this time.



News:

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 Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's



This Year's Luncheon was a huge success with a record number of Club Members in attendance. They had to open up the backroom extension to hold us all this year.

A special thanks to Polly Greene for once again organizing this year's Holiday Luncheon. There was a drawing for prizes for everyone as well as seasonal items on the table to take home. This year it was a snow man light that played music and lit the snow man like a globe with a motion detector which quickly all got turned off because the sound of over 40 snowmen playing music and flashing lights was a little hard to talk over.

Phil Ziegler donated a very nice limited print of an Historic Alfa Romeo racing at Watkins Glen which was along with some autographed post cards from the latest Formula One Race to feature the Alfa Romeo team donated by Ruggero and Carla Santilli. Both were given away as Grand Prizes during the drawing. Would you believe it Ruggero and Carla's name was drawn for one of the autographed Formula One Cards they donated themselves.

Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's continued:

With the great weather a lot of Alfas were displayed this year both old and new.



Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's continued:

More photos of the array of Alfa Romeos in attendance this year.



Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's continued:

Outgoing President Barry Andress received a warm round of applause as he addressed the group about this year's events and the growth of the club's membership during his tenure. Below the gavel was passed to our new Co-Presidents - Delmas Green and Chip Denko – both previous club Presidents. They will share responsibilities this next year to help accommodate each of their busy schedules.



Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's continued:

Here is seat on the left John Rady and his wife Linda. At the top of the table is this year's club President Barry Andress and Cathie Foster with next year's Co-President Chip Denko and his friend Melissa Lowery.



Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's continued:

Here is another view starting from the left is this year's President Barry Andress and Cathie seated next to 2019's Co-President Chip Denko and his friend Melissa Lowery. Next to them are long time club members John and Linda Rady.



Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's continued:

Here we have starting on the left Bruce Brock with Tony Paolini and his wife Mary Kathryn followed by Jo and Harmon Heed (Past club President and author of several AROC articles) seated next to Milton Watts (newly elected club Co-VP)



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In the back sits John and Cheryl Picot long time club members. Many commented on how John looked like the “Commodore” sporting his blue blazer and Cravat (actually a turtle neck) flanked on the left by Jim Rogers and Dorene with Terry Carter across from them.



Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's continued:



Seated here are Delia Hyland with members Phil Rosile and Gabie and Jim Zitnick. Next to Gabie is guest Diana Matt with long time member Ellis Oglesby.

Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano’s continued:

Here seated in the back is past President and current Notizia Editor “Skinny” Frank Mann (myself) wearing a suit and tie (don’t get used to it) while sporting a new Hercule Poirot Mustache sitting beside a freshly coiffed Peggy Jackson wearing her colorful Balinese Sari along with our great Polo Event Coordinator and vintage Alfa owner Bob Scot and his wife Carolyn as well as Jeff Hanson and his wife JoAnn Christensen. Look closely at Jeff as he left the next day for a three-week stint flying for FedEx in Europe – Next stop Paris. With multiple lay overs in Milan.



Recent Event: Annual FAC Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Alfano's continued:

Here we have a debonair Ruggero Santilli and his lovely wife Carla who drove their shiny new Maserati flanked by Dr. Wolfe and his son David with long time members Nino and Violet Montopoli on the right.



Not picture are members Paul Ziegler, Gerri and Bill Lemen, Delmas (co-president for 2019) and Polly (FAC Sec/Treas)Greene with their daughter Christina.

Up Coming Event: Winter Tour of Southwest Florida

South West Florida Alfa Romeo Club

invites the

Florida Alfa Club

to participate in their 2019

Alfas & Friends “Sprightly” Winter Tour of Southwest Florida

On Saturday, January 5th, 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM

The group will gather for sorting, coffee and pastries at the 7-11 in the NE quadrant of Exit 170 at I-75 and Kings Highway in Port Charlotte at 8:00 AM. It's about 1 ½ hours south of Clearwater. There is a myriad of motels there for those who don't want to make an early morning drive to get there.

The cars will be divided into three groups depending on the power of the car, prowess and comfort of the driver. The roads will be really rural, through cattle ranches, citrus groves and farms. There will be a mid-tour pit stop at the Citgo station in Wauchula. It has a woman's room and large oak tree out back. Drivers may choose to change groups there.



Up Coming Event: Winter Tour of Southwest Florida continued

The “sprightly” drive will end at L’Incontro, the best Italian bistro in Lake Wales. They will have tables reserved for us. After lunch we will all go on our own ways home.

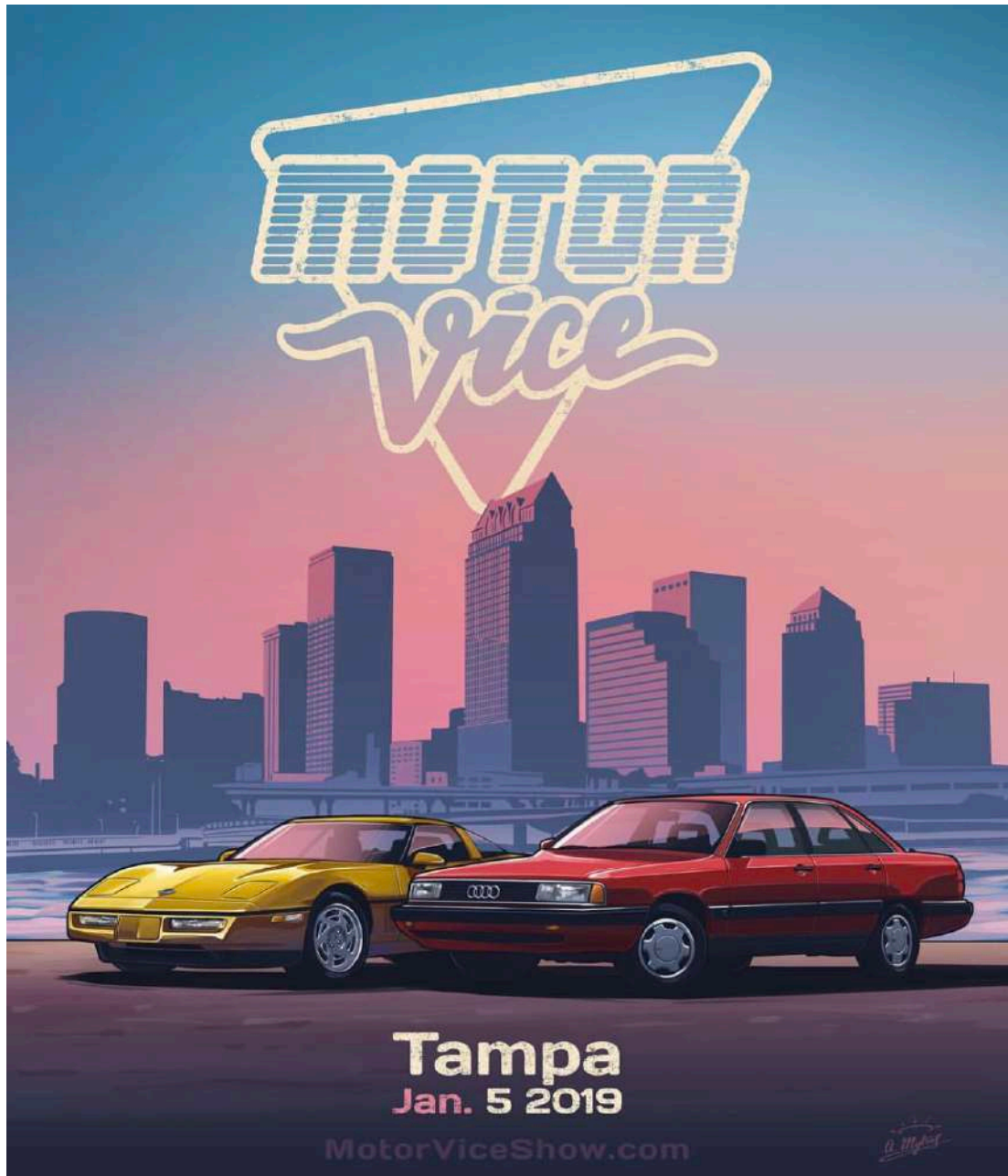


Lake Wales is about 50 miles east of the I-4/I-75 interchange and 90 miles north east of Sarasota. You can read about the 2018 sprightly romp that had 19 entrants (five from FAC) in the 2018 May issue of **Alfa Owner**.

The invite includes all Alfas and, all marques manufactured prior to 1993.

For more information and to **RSVP** contact Scott Crater at **(239) 290-1969** or Harmon Heed at (941) 726-9723, harmonheed@gmail.com.

Up Coming Events: Motor-Vice Car Show Tampa Jan. 5th



This is a new show for the Tampa Area for 1980's and 1990's era cars of all makes Held Jan 5th 2019. For more Details and a link to sign up for the show go to:
<https://www.motorviceshow.com/shows/#/tampa/>

Up Coming Events: Pollo Match & Car Show Sunday January 20th

Alfa Romeo

**Florida Alfa Club
Annual Polo Match and Tailgate Meet
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019**

**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 53rd Place-E, Bradenton, FL 34211
(817) 313 2945 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 53RD PLACE EAST
BRADENTON, FL 34211**

Up Coming Events: Wesley Chapel Alfa Tech Session Saturday February 16th



Join us for an Alfa Romeo Tech Session sponsored by Parks Alfa Romeo of Wesley Chapel on Saturday February 16th Located at

[28647 State Road 54 Wesley Chapel, FL 33543](https://www.google.com/maps/place/28647+State+Road+54+Wesley+Chapel,+FL+33543)

Sales: 888-450-0860

Food and drinks will be provided. Because of the date we will also have our monthly FAC Business meeting at the same time.

Contact Polly Greene for more details. Polly Greene pollyhgreene@yahoo.com

Up Coming Events: Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Festival Sat. Feb 23rd



The rumors are incorrect that this year's Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Festival will be limited to "Exotics" only. I have it from the horse's mouth that the web site is now working and they are accepting applications to show your car to anyone who applies. So, sign up today.

Applications are being taken for the fast-growing Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Festival for 2019. The entry fee is discounted if you sign up before January 31st.

100% of the benefits go to "Flight to the North Pole" a local charity for terminally ill children.

Sign up at:

www.exoticcarfestival.com

Up Coming Events: B.I.G Car Show in Cape Coral



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

(British, Italian & German)

Sunday, March 3, 2019

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.

This years B.I.G Car show will be held at the same Park location in Cape Coral Sunday March 3rd. Use the provided links below to access the details of the show, various classes and the registrations forms



2019 B.I.G. Show
Flyer 12.08.18.pdf



2019 B.I.G. Show
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2019 B.I.G. Show
Original Classes 12.08



2019 B.I.G. Show
Registration Form.pdf

This has always been a very successful car show for the Florida Alfa Club with several members winning trophies and a lot of fun. The B.I.G Show stands for British – Italian – German car marks. There are awards for each class within each country mark.

This year they have expanded the number of car categories so everyone has a chance to win regardless if you have a prewar car of a brand-new vehicle.

Up Coming Events: Amelia Island Concours de' Elegance March 7th – 10th



AMELIA ISLAND 2019 CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE



Let us know if you plan to attend.



Up Coming Events: Annual FAC Tour Saturday March 16th

Save the date on your calendar for the FAC annual Toad Rally/Tour and Lunch. More details to follow.



Up Coming Event: Festival of Speed <http://festivalofspeed.com/> at the Vinoy



Sunday April 7th at the Vinoy in St Petersburg.

<http://festivalofspeed.com/>

Let Barry Andress Know if you are coming

Alfabarry3@gmail.com

Up Coming Events: Annual FAC Pizza & SIM Racing Event Sat. May 11st



Once again - this year we are holding Time Trials for the Florida Alfa Club's annual Pizza Party and SIM Racing Event held at the home of Ruggero & Carla Santilli. Test your skill around the Sebring Track in an exotic car for prizes and bragging rights not to mention Carla Santilli's spread of Italian delicacies, Pizza and Wine.

During practice laps – tours are available of Ruggero Santilli's paddock and garage. You never know what additions to his extensive car collection you will find.



Come ready for the competition and hungry for Food, Fun, and Laughter!

When: Saturday May 11st from 10:30 AM until the food is gone and tires are too.

Please RSVP to Polly Greene at pollyhgreene@yahoo.com as it is limited to the first 20 people.

Calendar of Events:

January 2019 Events

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

Motor Vice Car Show Tampa Saturday Jan. 5th

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

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater Jan. 9th & 23rd 11:30 AM

FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba's Grill Clearwater on Hwy 60 – January 10th 6:30PM

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

February 2019 Events

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, Feb. 2nd 8-10:00AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater Feb. 6th & 20th 11:30 AM

FAC Business Meeting – Will be held in Conjunction with the Wesley Chapel Tech Session.

Wesley Chapel Alfa Tech session - Saturday, February 16th, ((10:00-2:00 PM) (Delmas – Polly)

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

Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Festival – Lakewood Ranch – Sat. Feb. 23rd

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Feb. 23rd, 8:00-10:00 AM

March 2019 Events

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, March 2nd 8-10:00AM

B.I.G. Car Show – Cape Coral – Sunday March 3rd

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater Mar. 6th & 20th 11:30 AM

Amelia Island Concourse de" Elegance March 7th thru 10th

March 2019 Events continued:

FAC Business Meeting – TBD – March 14th 6:30PM

Annual FAC Road Tour Saturday March 16th – (Milton Watts)

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – March 30th, 8:00-10:00 AM

Calendar of Events: Continued

April 2019 Events

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater April 3rd & 17th, 11:30 AM

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, April 6th 8-10:00AM

Festival of Speed St Pete at the Vinoy Hotel Sunday April 7th

FAC Business Meeting – TBD – April 11th 6:30PM

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, April 20th 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – April 27th, 8:00-10:00 AM

May 2019 Events

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater May 1st – 15th & 29th 11:30 AM

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, May 4th 8-10:00AM

FAC Business Meeting – TBD – May 9th 6:30PM

Annual Pizza and SIM Racing Party Sat. May 11th – Ruggero/Carla Santilli's House, 11:00-2:00 PM

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – May 25th, 8:00-10:00 AM

June 2019 Events

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, June 1st 8-10:00AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater June 10th & 24th 11:30 AM

FAC Business Meeting – TBD – June 13th 6:30PM

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

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

July 2019 Events

NO FAC Meeting this month

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, July 6th 8-10:00AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater July 7th & 21th 11:30 AM

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, July 20th 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – July 27th, 8:00-10:00 AM

Calendar of Events: Continued

August 2019 Events

NO FAC Meeting this month

Sarasota Cars & Coffee, Sunset Motorsport, Aug. 3rd 8-10:00AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers Lunch – Café Ponte Clearwater Aug. 12th & 26th 11:30 AM

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

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Southgate Community Center – Aug. 31st 8:00-10:00 AM

September 2019 Events

Coming Soon.

October 2019 Events

Coming Soon.

November 2019 Events

Coming Soon.

December 2019 Events

Coming Soon.

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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