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



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month: April 2019.

Car Name: Alfa Romeo's new 600 Plus HP GTV Coupe – Quad of course – I want one!



Recent Events: Weekend Driving Tour and Museum March 17-18th

This year the tour changed things up a bit adding a visit to the Ringling Museum and many other local Sarasota highlights and places of interest.



Recent Event: Festival of Speed at the Vinoy

By: Harmon Heed

A Strumming Festival of Speed At the Vinoy Resort in St. Pete.

The setting was spring time serene, a pictorial park between the posh Vinoy Resort and sail boats on Tampa Bay. The drive was along Beach Blvd., past the majestic St. Pete Yacht Club and marina, the bon vivant boutique shops and sidewalk cafes. Once in the pastoral park, the Florida Alfa Club lined up most of its ten entrees, as always, under a crescent of five majestic oaks that gave shade in the 80-degree sun under a bright, blue sky.



The Alfa site was in the middle of the big, banjo shaped exhibit, where the drum and neck meet. The cars the FAC parked beneath the hanging Spanish moss were Ruggero y Carla Santilli's restored 1957 SVZ, Harmon & Jo Heed's blond, 1964 spider, Barry Andress' Alfa Rossa, 1972 GTV, Delmas & Polly Greene's Blue Medio, 1973 Montreal, John & Linda Rady's anthracite, 1988 Milano Verde, Bruce Brock's Alfa Rossa, 2015 4C Launch and Paul Ziegler's Alfa White 2017 Giulia Ti Sport (with its great sounding aftermarket exhaust system) and Tony Paolini's Goodwood Green, 1963 Corvette. Joining the club's cars was Ricardo Sidor's 1959 Giulietta monoposto track car, "Angelina" that he trailered up the five hours from Miami.



Recent Event: Festival of Speed at the Vinoy continued:

Around the banjo rim were about 25 Ferraris, 30 Porsches and in the drum head 20 1970s Dodge Chargers, many with the high, rear wing bridge and all of their American muscle V8s, it seemed, without mufflers! Along the neck were the dealers, Ferrari, Porsche, Lamborghini and right behind the Alfa Club crescent, Alfa Romeo of St. Petersburg that asked Tim Rogers to display his Rosa Competizione, 2017 Giulia Quadrifoglio with them. The total number of all cars on display were around 250 for the 15,000 spectators.



The show gave the Florida Alfa Club three surprises. Seldom seen Wes Moschetto, who normally displays his Porsche, replaced it in the circle with his 1986 GTV6 and finally got to meet many of the FAC members. Right across the fairway from the Club's cars, under another oak, was a white, 2018 Giulia owned by Peter & Barbara Battaglia and their poodle, Benjamin, who are joining FAC. And down near the head of the neck of the banjo was a grand surprise, a Madreperia White, 8C spider exhibited by Mike Flynn's Hollywood Wheels auction house. It could only look even better in the shade with the Club's cars!



Of the ten FAC members' Alfas displayed, five received trophies. Harmon & Jo's 64 spider was awarded, "1st Place Vintage Alfa Romeo, Delmas & Polly's 73 Montreal took 2nd and Barry's 72 GTV 3rd. Two cars won "Best in Show" trophies: Tony Paolini's 63 Vette for "Best Vintage Corvette" and Ruggero y Carla Santilli's 57 SVZ for "Best Vintage Italian Car."

Recent Event: Festival of Speed at the Vinoy continued:

`The show was a mellifluous melody, a happy harmony to be strummed and sang on a picture-perfect stage by both the entrants and spectators. The Florida Alfa Club will be back next year, pickin' and grinning five strings at the Vinoy in early April!



Recent Event: Festival of Speed at the Vinoy continued:

Delmas Greene displaying his award. Sunburn or Blushing – You decide.



Recent Event: Gasparilla Concours d' Elegance



The first annual Gasparilla Concours d' Elegance had great if not Hot weather for its first event. A couple hundred cars of all varieties were in attendance including Dirk Groen's 1958 BMW 507, and parked right next to me was the eventual Best in Show car (wouldn't you know it) a 1947 Mercedes 300 convertible from the North shore of Boston via Naples.

This is definitely a show worth attending in the years to come and for a great cause as well.



Recent Events: Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Festival

Here is one more image from the Lakewood Ranch Exotic Car Festival of Ruggero Santilli and myself in front of his amazing Alfa Romeo TZ3.



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 24 people. You must RSVP by email to make it on the list.

Calendar of Events:

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 – Carrabba’s Italian Grill Clearwater – Thursday April 11th 6:30PM

Gasparilla Concourse d’ Elegance – Curtis Hixon Park – Tampa April 13th

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

Car Show for Charity – Safety Harbor – May 5th (Barry Andress)

FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba’s Italian Grill Clearwater – 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

NO FAC Meeting this month

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

Calendar of Events: Continued

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

AROC 2019 National Convention – Pittsburg, PA. July 16-21st (Tues – Sun)

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

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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