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## President’s Message

-- By John Bohn - [jfbohn1@mac.com](mailto:jfbohn1@mac.com)

Greetings AlfaSeeYas,

Well, the long hot summer is about over and I hope you had pleasant travels.

It was with great sadness at the beginning of August that I reported to you that Charlie Dubose, of Charlie’s Service Center in Utah, had been killed in a truck–train collision. I sought advice from the membership about our club making a donation to his memorial fund, and was advised by many that it would probably set a precedent that would be difficult to manage in the future. Additionally, I had reports from other club presidents that this very thing was what caused a lot of rancor within their organizations. Therefore, I did not make a club donation to the memorial fund, and instead asked members to do so individually. I am happy to hear that many of you did.

On a positive note, we hear that Charlie’s Service is continuing to provide motor home repairs, as Charlie’s very capable son, Justin, has taken over the leadership of that side of the business. We continue to get reports of great satisfaction with their services.

When Belle and I retired in 2005, we bought our Alfa with the intent of traveling the USA for two years. Well, that was five years ago, but now we’ve decided we have seen virtually everything we wanted to see in the states. We have rolled up over 65,000 miles on the coach while traversing

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the country three times including Alaska. We have truly enjoyed the experience, especially when we were able to link–up with fellow club members at rallies. However, our future travel plans entail ventures off the continent, and that leaves our coach out of the picture. (Although I do remember seeing pictures a couple of years ago of a coach that had been converted to a houseboat, I don’t think I want to take on that kind of adventure!)

With that in mind, I am coming to the end of my second term as President of the AlfaSeeYas (as of April 2011). Your other officers have also served two two–year terms. It is time for some new blood! In order to keep the club alive and thriving, we need some folks to step up to the

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plate and be willing to take on the officer positions.

Our Nominations Committee is composed of Don Rowe ([don@WeBeSnowbirds.com](mailto:don@WeBeSnowbirds.com)), Rhonda Dean ([rhondadean@gmail.com](mailto:rhondadean@gmail.com)) and Gene Lasater ([erlasater@yahoo.com](mailto:erlasater@yahoo.com)). Please contact any of them with your suggestions and/or nominations. It is their job to contact the nominated individuals to firm up commitments. Please, we need your help in this! Consider volunteering your own nomination, or suggesting others whom you think would do a good job.

Belle's and my last journey was to tour Colorado and that gave us a good excuse to attend the Ft. Collins Rally and then go over to Oregon for the Prineville Pre Rally and FMCA Convention in Redmond. Both were well-attended and great fun. There are reports elsewhere in the newsletter on these rallies, but a special thanks goes to Don and Patty Rowe who not only wagon mastered the Prineville event, their company ([donrowe.com](http://donrowe.com)) also hosted a catered dinner for us!

As you read this I may be at the NASCAR Rally in Fontana, California (10/7 - 10/10/2010). This is a first of its kind rally where the AlfaSeeYas teamed up with the South Loafers Chapter of the Alfa Owners Club to sponsor a rally. It looks like it is going to be a lot of fun. After that, Belle and I will again attend the Pre-Rally in Palm Desert and then the FMCA Rally in Indio, CA in early January. This

has proven to be a popular rally, and as usual, we have limited space available, so please don't procrastinate! We'd love to see you there. After that we will attend the Alfa Owner's Club Rally in Pahrump (we are members of the South Loafers as well as the Roadrunners), and this will probably be our last rally before retiring the coach and heading across the oceans for future adventures. (In September '11 we plan to observe the herd migrations in Kenya and then visit most of the major animal parks in South Africa on a 35-day motor home caravan safari!)

Finally, I reported earlier on a blow-by tube extension and collection gizmo that I installed on my coach. At this point I have to say the results are inconclusive as to how effective it is in eliminating the accumulation of crud on the tow car. As it turns out, the majority of the continuing oils on the toad were coming from a leak where the top of the blow-by tube was not securely fastened to the engine after they rebuilt it the third time. Though that crud is much less than before, I don't know if it is coming from the blow-by tube (after leaving the collector gizmo) or if it is coming from the residual stuff still coming off the side of the engine. I will have that steam cleaned before the next outing, and then I will know if the gizmo is doing its job!

Hoping to see you soon,

-- John

**Note from the Editor:** After I included my "Visited States" map in the last Newsletter, several members emailed wanting to know where I got it. In case you are interested, it comes from [www.visitedstatesmap.com](http://www.visitedstatesmap.com). You check boxes for states you have visited, then save the jpg picture it creates to your hard drive. I use the 180 x 140 pixel size on my little website at [www.donandpatty.us](http://www.donandpatty.us). I've also seen them used at various Message Boards in peoples' signatures. --Patty



My Visited States Map

Editor's Note -- By Patty Rowe, Newsletter Editor -- [patty@WeBeSnowbirds.com](mailto:patty@WeBeSnowbirds.com)



**“Fall has fell”** and we are starting preparations to head to warmer climes for the Winter. I do like to stay in Oregon for the changing colors and crispy days of early Autumn. But somewhere around October 25<sup>th</sup>, we'll point the Alfa in a southerly direction, destination Indio, CA ... not to return to our Oregon home until May. Being a “snowbird” was always my dream, and I feel absolutely blessed to be able to live this lifestyle now.

Our summer highlight was the Alfa SeeYas Pre-Rally in Prineville, Oregon, followed by the FMCA International Convention in Redmond. Don and I were Wagon Masters, and I'm happy to report that nothing went wrong, and I do think a good time was enjoyed by everyone. Bill Smith, who was a 1<sup>st</sup> time rally attendee, has written a report for this Newsletter. I think when you read it, you'll have a pretty good idea what a great time the SeeYas have when we get together.

I do want to relate how the photo of my hubby Don, which Bill included in his report, came to be (if I don't tell you, Don will kill me). He'd been reporting to the group on the FMCA National Directors meeting that he had just attended, speaking in his best, business-like manner. When he finished, Ron Green stepped up and put a hat on Don's head (with long hippy hair attached to it). Well, it was pretty funny to see our Alternate National Director looking like a 1960's throwback, and several people, including Bill Smith, just couldn't resist snapping a picture. But just so you know, Don doesn't always look like that !



I hope you enjoy this Newsletter, and that your Winter plans also include a bit (or a lot) of sunshine!

-- Patty

← picture of wagon master Don moments before Ron put the hippy hat on him

### Neat Gismo! (submitted by John Bohn)

At the Alfa National Rally, a fellow gave a presentation and showed a sample of a tow chain attachment gismo that simplifies hooking your tow chains up to the coach (rather than using those “D”-shaped screw down or S-hook connectors). I have been trying to track them down ever since and have finally located them online. They are called **Sur-Lock Keepers** and are made by Larin, Model LSL-2. They are rated at 7500 pounds, Class IV and cost about \$5 for a pair of them. Do a [google search](#) and you should be able to find them. I found the ones I bought at <http://www.bonanzle.com/> If you do a site search there and put in Larin, it should come up! A picture is included for you to see what they are!



## RALLY CALENDAR: Our AlfaSeeYas Chapter Rallies

### *Rallies ... the most FUN you can have in your Alfa ...*

If you would like to suggest **a local rally**, please contact our President, John Bohn. A group of AlfaSeeYas can get together very easily for a few days during the week, or over a weekend. **NEED HELP PLANNING A RALLY?** John Bohn has created several documents to help those interested in planning a pre, post or other rally for our members. You can contact John (see page 12) and ask for any or all of the documents. They include: *Rules of Thumb for Estimating Costs and Planning a Pre or Post Rally in Brief.*



Photo from the Prineville Pre-Rally, August 2010 (that's Belle Bohn on her way to the Pavilion where we held our activities)

January 7 to 11, 2011 – **AlfaSeeYas Pre-Rally** to FMCA Western Area Rally, Indio, CA – [Emerald Desert RV Park](#), Palm Desert, CA (FMCA Rally follows, the FMCA dates are January 12 to 16, 2011). Wagonmasters are Mike and Lorraine Lynch, with Don and Patty Rowe assisting. Mike and Lorraine have planned some awesome events for this always-popular Rally. There is a [Rally Flyer](#) with all the details on Page 14 of this Newsletter, as well as the [Registration Form](#) on Page 15. **Deadline to register is November 1, 2010.** There are 30 spaces reserved for us.



[Emerald Desert RV Resort](#)



[Palm Springs Air Museum](#)



View from the [Palm Springs Tram](#)

There's still some spaces left, but they won't last long. Suggest you get your Reservation Form in pretty quickly if you want to attend. And why wouldn't you want to attend (that is, if you can). Blue skies, sunshine, typically mid-70's, and Alfa friends, new ones to meet, old ones to see again.



## RALLY CALENDAR: FMCA International Conventions and Area Rallies

For **FMCA Rallies** – Members should reserve General Parking for FMCA Rallies by calling FMCA reservations (800) 543-3622 or using the FMCA web site <http://www.FMCA.com>.

October 12 to 16, 2010 - [Rocky Mountain Area Rally](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*  
San Juan County Fairgrounds, McGee Park, Farmington, New Mexico

October 20 to 24, 2010 - [Eastern Area Rally](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*  
Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

January 12 to 16, 2011 - [Western Area Rally](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*  
Indio Fairgrounds, Indio, California

**Our AlfaSeeYas Chapter will have a Pre-Rally to this event January 7 to 11 (Registration Form in this Newsletter)**  
**The Deadline to Register for the Indio Pre-Rally is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't miss it !!!**

February 2 to 6, 2011 - [Southeast Area Rally](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*  
Hernando County Airport, Brooksville, FL

March 14 to 17, 2011 - **FMCA's 85<sup>th</sup> International Convention**  
Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, Georgia

May 11 to 15, 2011 - **INTO Area Rally** (*INTO is the FMCA Area for our Chapter Alfa SeeYas*)  
Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana

May 26 to 30, 2011 - **Great Lakes Area Rally**  
Berrien County Youth Fair, Berrien Springs, Michigan

June 2 to 5, 2011 - **Northwest Area Rally**  
Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, Oregon

July 21 to 24, 2011 - **Northeast Area Rally**  
Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, Vermont

August 10 to 13, 2011 - **FMCA's 86<sup>th</sup> International Convention**  
Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin

September 28 to October 1, 2011 - **South Central Area Rally**  
Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

~ *Some of the folks who attended the Prineville Pre-Rally* ~



## Report on the Ft. Collins Colorado Rally - by Linda Bergstrom

**July 17 to 23, 2010.** The Fort Collins Rally was held at the KOA Lakeside RV Park with 17 AlfaSeeYas coaches in attendance.

Every morning we all met at the Pavilion for coffee and doughnuts provided by our Wagon Masters and Co-Wagon Masters, for an hour of visitations and information of what the day's events included. Thanks for all the goodies!!!

Every evening we met at 4:00 for Happy Hour and snacks. Everyone enjoyed hearing the latest jokes and comparing what events they had attended throughout the day. Also, we had a Tech-Talk forum one evening lead by Craig Christen where everyone participated in sharing and learning about those problems and fixes unique to our coaches. These sessions are always enlightening and enjoyable!

The Musgraves and the Halls did a terrific job of providing information on the tours around Fort Collins, and helping set up car pools for groups



Wagonmaster Musgrave tells us what's next!



Budweiser Brewery Tour

wanting to attend the events.

One of my favorite tours was a "PRIVATE ALFA TOUR" to the GREELEY FREIGHT STATION MUSEUM, provided by Gene and Carol Brantner's son. It is a Model train museum, operated by railroad enthusiasts of Greeley, Colorado. They have done a fantastic job and it is something I think if you are ever in Greeley, you should not miss! Since I came from a railroad family, I especially enjoyed it.

Most of us caravanned to ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, where we had lunch at the top of the Rockies, and then spent time shopping in Estes Park. The altitude was nearly 12,000 feet, and the views were incredible.

There was a tour of the BUDWEISER BREWERY, which was very interesting. At the end of the tour, we were introduced to the Budweiser Clydesdales, and to the tasting room for free samples; the flowers and the grounds were quite a pleasant sight to behold, as well.

Several people played golf at the local course operated by the Musgrave family.

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The final tour was a to Foundry in the nearby city of Loveland where they make small to massive bronze statues. We were taken through each stage of production, and the process was very interesting.

Donna Musgrave and her family, including some of her grandchildren, catered a wonderful meal for us one night; then we played a dice game called LRC (left-right-center). Sadie Kleinstiver was the lucky winner of the night, claiming a good-sized pot!

The next night was a potluck dinner. Wow, whatta feast. John Bohn took a group photo and presented everyone with a copy the next day. Thanks, John! After dinner, we played BUNCO, with Sadie being the Grand Winner again!! I think she needs to head to Las Vegas!

Our final dinner was a lovely BBQ provided by our Wagon Masters, George and Carol Lee Hall. They supplied Brats, hamburgers and all the fixings. They even had a special package of hotdogs, for those of us who prefer dogs over brats and cooked a veggie burger as well. Thank you, that was so nice of you to do!!!

Everyone enjoyed hearing all the stories and events of the week. We could have had a fish fry provided by Max Best, as he was out early most of the mornings fishing, but since the lake was Catch-and-Release, he had to throw them all back. He did manage to catch 4 or 5 each morning though!



Proud Pat Pintus and new Paint Job



Let the games begin!



A big "Thank You" to our Wagon Master teams of George and Carol Lee Hall, and Charlie and Donna Musgrave for the hard work involved in planning this rally, for all the meals, our morning coffee and goodies, the great job of organizing the tours, and for making sure everyone had a great time. The four of you did a super job!

-- Linda Bergstrom



## Not all MicroFiber is created equal!

-- an Article by John Bohn

Well, I hate using a company's prime statement as a title for this, but I found it to be very true! While at the Redmond Rally, Jean Maddux saw me laboring away at those ever-present bugs on the windshield, using what I thought was the greatest window cleaner I had ever found!

"Tsk, Tsk!" She says, "Haven't you heard of [Almost Heaven Micro Fiber](#) cloths?" I respond, "No, but I'm using these microfiber cloths I get from Costco, along with my super duper *Zep Commercial Foaming GLASS CLEANER* I found at Home Depot! It's the best window cleaner I've ever found!"

"No, no!" She says, "All micro fiber cloths are not created equal!" "You gotta try these! All you use with them is water and there are no streaks! Really!" After I dispatched Belle off to buy some of these NEW IMPROVED cloths, I finished cleaning the windshields, as we were leaving early the next morning! (Mind you, the coach was facing the sun, so you know how much fun that was!)

Long story short, Jean was right! I have now used these new cloths on the coach, on my computer

screens, on my glasses and in the house! Wow, I still can't believe it. I am not suggesting you buy from them on their website, but I can caution you that you want to make sure when you buy these kinds of NEW IMPROVED micro fiber cloths that they are made in Korea, not China! That seems to be the key difference.

I've included a picture of their brochure cover for your information!

--John

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## A Video to make you smile:

I don't have a "serious" video for you this issue, but I came across this captivating and heartwarming video, and thought I'd share it with you. I guess you never know in what unlikely place (maybe Tory Island, Ireland), that you may find a friend.

[You've Got a Friend](#)



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2vU8U0j\\_4E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2vU8U0j_4E)



## Prineville Pre-Rally & Redmond FMCA Convention - A Newbie's Perspective - by Bill Smith

Old acquaintances, new friendships. Shared adventures, swapping lies. Stories told, fond memories.

That is what my wife and I came away with after our first Alfa SeeYas Rally. I'm really not much of a social animal. I'm mostly a lone wolf, so I've never been much interested in this type of gathering. But my wife is a social animal and I thought that maybe I could bank a few brownie points by taking her to the rally. And because I am always interested in what others have done to improve their rigs, I thought that there might be something in this adventure for me as well. (After all guys... you know it's always really all about us, isn't it?)

But, who would have ever thunk it? I met several people there that I liked immediately and came away with new friendships that I never expected to form. And my wife? Well, it turns out Mary was interested just as much as I was in all of the ways that others have made their coaches more livable.

Having the opportunity to meet our wagon master and chapter president and their spouses was a genuine pleasure. One could look long and hard and never find any more pleasant and likable couples than John & Belle Bohn and Don & Patty Rowe. Both the Bohns and the Rowes went out of their way to welcome us into the group and make us feel right at home. And more importantly, it was obvious they did this for us, not because that is what they were supposed to do, but because that is who they are. Just good hearts!



Now, that said... what kind of idiot chapter president would ever appoint a wagon master who looks like this? It's more than enough to make me second guess my ability as a judge of character. And what kind of hippy throw back still wears his hair like this? To top it all off... I later learned from the hippy himself that Santana used to play back up to his band. But Santana obviously went on to a much bigger and better future, leaving our wagon master back in the 60s, where he belongs. By the way, our chapter president is the one hiding behind shades... skulking away to distance himself from his embarrassing wagon master appointment.

### 2010 Alfa SeeYas Prineville Pre-Rally

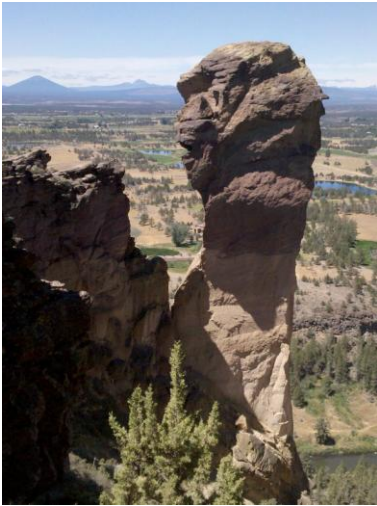


#### Crooked River Bridge

Having arrived the night before and boondocked at the 300 foot high Crooked River Bridge just 22 miles north of Prineville, my wife and I were the first to arrive at the Crook County RV Park. Wagon Masters Don & Patty Rowe arrived shortly thereafter. Knowing that we were new to the whole rally thing, Don and Patty invited us to park next to them, which we gratefully accepted. They took us under their wings and made sure that we were welcomed into the group. Most gracious of them... and very much appreciated.

The first evening began with a catered BBQ dinner and the grub was almost as good as the company. Good food, good people, good times.

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### Monkey Face - Smith Rock State Park

A round of golf at the Meadow Lakes Golf Course was planned for the next day or free time for those who aren't golfers. My wife and I took advantage of the free time to ride our motorcycle out to Smith Rock State Park, where we hiked up one side to the Misery Ridge Summit and back down the other side to the river and then followed the river back around to the trail head. We lost a good friend there, who fell to his death a couple of years ago. Our friend was an avid adventurer and thrill seeker, so for me just being there was a way to spiritually reconnect with him. He was well-liked and a great guy who would easily have fit in well with the Alfa SeeYas.



Day three included a Chapter meeting, owner's forum and coach walk. It became quickly obvious that John is not only a respected leader, but also a gracious host. When I grow up, I want to be just like him! And Belle is every bit as likable and sociable as John. A perfect couple.

Helpful information was shared at the owner's forum and useful modifications were shared during the coach walk. All-in-all both events were time very well spent.

### See Ya!



Day four was "Getaway Day" when everyone caravanned from Prineville over to Redmond. I've ridden in motorcycle posses many times before, but this was a first motor home posse for me. It quickly became apparent to me that organizing several hundred bikers is a much less daunting task than organizing 22 RVers. John Bohn is pictured at the far right wearing another one of his many hats as our Chief Cat Herder.

*Bill Smith did such a great job with this report, the whole thing is well worth the time to read. I just didn't have enough space to include it all in the newsletter, so I've posted it on my personal website. I hope you will click the link below and check out the rest of Bill's report. There's lots of great info on the FMCA Seminars that applies to all of us who own Alfas, as well as descriptions of many cool RV product sites, complete with links, photos ... and a whole lot more.*  
~Patty

*Prineville-Redmond Rally Report continued at this link: <http://www.donandpatty.us/redmond.pdf>*

## The Camp Cook's Corner

Calling all motorhome chefs: I need you to send me some of your recipes —email [patty@WeBeSnowbirds.com](mailto:patty@WeBeSnowbirds.com) and I'll include them in future newsletters.

Thanks to Irene Renfro and Lexie Huffman who answered my plea and sent me these easy and tasty recipes.

Mexican Lasagna ~ from Irene Renfro

Serves 4 (or 2 and freeze the rest)

### Ingredients

1 lb ground beef

1 onion, diced

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 can 10 oz. Enchilada sauce

Cheddar cheese shredded. Any kind will do  
(Irene likes to use the Mexican style)

Corn tortillas

In skillet brown meat, drain off fat. Saute onion. Stir together. Add can of soup and enchilada sauce. Bring to a boil and let it simmer covered for about 30 minutes.

In the meantime spray 2 qt. casserole dish with cooking spray and add layer of tortillas shredded into about 4 pieces in bottom of dish, add ½ of meat mixture, sprinkle with cheese, another layer of shredded tortillas, and rest of met mixture. Finish with cheese.

Bake in oven until cheese is melted and dish is bubbling, about 20 minutes at 325.

Sweet and Sour Meatballs ~ from Lexie Huffman (*Lexie says she wishes she could give exact amounts, but that's just not the way she cooks*)

"You'll need approximately 1.5 to 2 lbs of ground beef ( I use the 80/20 for more flavor), 1 can tomato sauce (standard 14 oz), 1 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of lemon juice, diced onion (real or dried both work), bread crumbs (I like herb and garlic but plain works), 1 egg and 1/2 cup water.

"In saucepan, heat tomato sauce, sugar, lemon juice, some of the onion (a small handful) and the water. Stir ingredients together and simmer while making meatballs. In a large bowl, combine meat, breadcrumbs (approx. 3/4 cup), egg and more onion. Shape into meatballs and add to simmering sauce. Allow to cook for around 30-40 minutes on low heat.

"Serve as hors d'oeuvres or over rice or noodles for a main dish. Salt and pepper should be added per your taste.





A warm welcome to our newest AlfaSeeYas members. To paraphrase Sonny Gillespie, President of our FMCA association, the International Area Organization (aka INTO): *“The most important member of the AlfaSeeYas is the newest member.”* Thanks so much for joining us!

Peter and Rose Atchley

Dennis and Donna Morris

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Joseph and Marianne Somolik

Paul and Linda Hale

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Membership is \$10 per year.  
Multiple year renewals are  
encouraged at \$10 per year.

## DECALS

We now have new *AlfaSeeYas* decals available. These are high quality laser-cut vinyl letters, not the bumper sticker type. If you would like one for your coach's exterior, please email [jfbohn1@mac.com](mailto:jfbohn1@mac.com) and he will send you one (free) with instructions for applying it!

## Alfa Repair Facilities (in alphabetical order)

For those of you in the Eastern part of the USA, Dick Albritton is the acknowledged Alfa expert. His address is 5048 Hwy. 145, Choudrandt, LA 71270, phone (318) 278-1677.

If you are in Southern California, get in touch with the Alfateers, in Fontana, CA. Phone (909) 428-6775, website at <http://www.alfateersrvservice.com>

Charlie's Service is in Sunset, UT. Phone (801) 547-7630 and website is <http://www.charliesservice.com>

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, there's a new Alfa repair shop in Loxley, AL. Contact Mike Ewing, (251) 508-3102, or email [dkbewing@gmail.com](mailto:dkbewing@gmail.com)

## Useful Internet Sites for Alfa Owners

**Our Chapter Website Alfa SeeYas.com:** [www.alfaseeyas.com](http://www.alfaseeyas.com)

You'll find lots of great information, including Rally info, Chapter documents, membership and dues information, past issues of the Newsletter, Tips and Tricks, a Photo Album, and much more!

**Family Motorcoach Association:** [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com)

**Yahoo Message Boards** – these are Internet forums where Alfa owners ask questions and exchange information about our coaches. To read the messages, and post your own, you will need to “join” the group (click the blue button that says Join This Group).

Alfa SeeYas: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/alfaseeya/>

SeeYa DP: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SeeYaDP/>

SeeYa Travels: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SeeYaTravels/>

**Chapters of the Alfa Owners Club:**

[Roadrunners](#) – Non-Regional (Full Time/Half Time/Part Time)

[South Loafers](#) – Southern California & Arizona

[Mavericks](#) – Central California

Western States Wranglers RV Club – Northern California to Eugene, Oregon

[Sun Seekers](#) – North of Eugene, Oregon, and Washington

[Lone Stars](#) – Texas Area

Alfa One – LA and surrounding area

[Sunrisers](#): An Alfa club that covers the Eastern US from Canada to Southern Florida



# AlfaSeeYas Indio Pre-Rally

January 7 to 11, 2011, Emerald Desert RV Resort  
Prior to FMCA Western Region Rally

**Come to The Desert and enjoy the January sunshine**, with average temperatures at 72°. Visit old friends, and make new ones. Tour the largest collection of WWII aircraft, and take the Palm Springs Aerial Tram to the snow high above the valley floor. Play a round of golf for free, or learn tee-shirt braiding, a craft that will turn your over-long shirts into just the right length. In addition to these great activities planned for the Pre-Rally, we will convoy as a group to the FMCA Rally at the Indio Fairgrounds, which allows us to camp together “on the grass” close to the activities, and continue socializing with Alfa friends, happy hours and all. Wagon Masters are Mike and Lorraine Lynch (assisted by Don and Patty Rowe). Space is limited for this very popular rally, so register early! We hope to see you there!

**Registration Form** is in this Newsletter, and online at <http://www.AlfaSeeYas.com>

### Rally Fee of \$289.00 Includes:

4 nights with full hookups at [Emerald Desert RV Resort](#) in Palm Desert CA

1 catered breakfast  
2 continental breakfasts  
3 catered dinners  
Potluck Dinner

**Optional Tours:** [Palm Springs Air Museum](#) (\$9.00 per person), and [Palm Springs Aerial Tram](#) (\$20.75 per person)

Question & Answer session with the experts, Jon and Martin of [Alfateers](#)

**Plus ... Free** Golf at one of the Coachella Valley’s finest 18 hole, par 3, private courses

### Rally Agenda

#### Friday, Jan 7, 2011 – Arrival Day

1:00 pm	Check-in time
5:30 pm	Welcome dinner (to be catered)
7:30 pm	Introductions, etc

#### Saturday, Jan 8, 2011

7 – 9 am	Campground sponsored breakfast
9 – 10 am	Alfa SeeYas Chapter business meeting
10 – 11 am	Question/Answer time, and Updates with Alfateers
Lunch on your own	
Afternoon	Golf at Outdoor Resort Indio (free), or Craft (braided tee-shirt with Patty Rowe (no additional cost, just bring your own tee-shirt and scissors)
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Potluck Dinner: Bring a dish to share

#### Sunday, Jan 9, 2011

7:30 – 9 am	Coffee and rolls
1 – 4 pm	<b>(TOUR 1)</b> Visit to Palm Springs Air Museum (Escorted tour with knowledgeable docent of 3 hangers including largest collection of WWII flying aircraft. Includes movie about aviation in the military). Can get lunch on your own at Freedom Fighters Café before tour.
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
6 – 7 pm	Dinner (to be catered)

#### Monday, Jan 10, 2011

7:30 – 9 am	Coffee and rolls
10 am to 1:30 pm	<b>(TOUR 2)</b> Trip to Palm Springs Aerial Tram (Ascend 2 ½ miles to pristine wilderness, spectacular views, natural history museum & gift shop. Includes movie on how tram was built.) Can get lunch on your own at Peak’s Restaurant after tour.
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Campground sponsored dinner

#### Tuesday, Jan 11, 2011 Departure Day

7:30 am	Line up to caravan to FMCA Rally at Indio Fairgrounds
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**AlfaSeeYas Indio FMCA Pre-Rally, January 7 - 11, 2011 - Palm Desert, CA - Registration Form**  
**Wagon Masters Mike & Lorraine Lynch || Assistant Wagon Masters Don & Patty Rowe**

Names (as you want to appear on badge) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee (\$197 camping/coach for 4 nights + \$46/person for 4 catered meals incl tax & tip): **\$ 289.00**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Additional people at \$46.00 per person (for meals) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Park Pet Fee \$1/per day/per pet (2 pets maximum) \_\_\_\_\_ pets @ \$4.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional Tour 1: [Palm Springs Air Museum](#) @ \$9.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional Tour 2: [Palm Springs Aerial Tram](#) @ \$20.75 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL, including Rally Fee, Extra People, Pet Fee, Tour Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Golf (free) No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_ Tee Shirt Craft (free) No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to **AlfaSeeYas** for the total amount above, and send with this form to:

Don Rowe, Asst. Wagon Master  
PO Box 522  
Monroe, OR 97456

Questions? email Lorraine - [mmllynch@msn.com](mailto:mmllynch@msn.com)  
or Patty - [patty@WeBeSnowbirds.com](mailto:patty@WeBeSnowbirds.com) or phone  
Lorraine at 928-710-3681 or Patty at 541-521-0722

**Deadlines:** Total space at the park is limited to 30 coaches. Reservation deadline to your Wagon Master is **no later than November 1, 2010 !!**

**Guests** are welcome to all functions, provided you contact the Wagon Master prior to the rally to insure that costs are met and food is available.

**Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$10.00 cancellation charge. However, if the rally has incurred non-refundable costs on your part (e.g. one night site reservation fee), these will be deducted from your refund unless there is a waiting list and your space can be filled.

**Park Information:** If you want to arrive early or stay after the rally, you may arrange for additional days with the RV park. The group discount will be honored a maximum of 2 nights adjacent to the rally.

**[Emerald Desert RV Resort](#) in Palm Desert CA: (760) 345-4770 ext. 7002 or (800) 426-4678**  
**No children under the age of 18 are allowed.**

**NOTE:** You must register separately for the FMCA Western Area Rally, at the [FMCA website](#) . We will convoy to the FMCA Rally on Jan. 11, a day early intentionally, to insure we have good parking "on the grass" which is near the activities, with electric available. There will be a one-day additional FMCA parking fee of \$15 to be collected by the Wagon Master at the Pre-Rally.

We agree that we shall not hold FMCA, the AlfaSeeYas Chapter, officers, employees or agents responsible for any damage or injury of any kind that our guests or we may suffer during the rally. This agreement applies regardless of the cause of the damage or injury.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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