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President's Message

-- By Randy Scott – rscott@antelecom.net

Now that we are in the midst of Summer, I imagine many of you may be traveling, and/or you have "bedded down" in a comfortable location! As you are hopefully fully aware, our Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Rally is upcoming Sep 30 - Oct 9, 2011. While we haven't had as many sign up for the optional tours as we needed to rent the busses, we still have a number who have signed up to be at the rally - it should be a lot of fun! There is still time to sign up to attend, as the last date to do so is Sep 1, 2011. I hope you do, as it should be an exciting event, with the balloons all around us.

Larry York, Our Alternate National Director, and Shirley, represented our chapter at the FMCA 86th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase, which was held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin, August 10 to 13, 2011. I hope some of you were able to attend as the FMCA National Family Reunions are only going to be held once a year. Larry and Shirley hosted an informal "get together" of Alfa owners during the rally, so if you were there we hope you were able to participate in that as well. Larry will be reporting on the reunion, as well as the Governing Board Meeting that was held during that time, on pages 4, 5, & 6, and I'm sure

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we will also hear from him at the chapter meeting during our Jan 2012 pre-rally. Speaking of that pre-rally, plans are well underway, and information for you to plan to attend is on pages 14 & 15. As before, we plan on having the pre-rally at the Emerald Desert RV Park in Palm Desert, and then caravanning over to the FMCA Western Regional Rally in Indio at the fairgrounds. We've always had a lot of fun getting together at the pre-rally, as well as parking and getting together at the FMCA rally. We are looking into whether we as a chapter may want to volunteer for some duties at the Western rally - we will try to find out what

that may involve and get you more information in the future to see if that may be something we would like to do.

Tony Munson, our web master, has recently added a link on our web site www.AlfaSeeYas.com, to print out an FMC Assist card much easier than the one on the FMCA web site. Check on page 6 of this newsletter. Thanks Tony for taking the initiative to provide this to our members!

Regarding the chapter dues renewal reminders we send out periodically: as it says in the reminder, please ignore it if you have recently sent in your dues. The reminder we send out is for those members whose dues are due the upcoming month, plus those that are overdue for the last six months. We are experiencing a longer turnaround time from the time we send out the reminder, you send in your dues, they get forwarded to our treasurer, she is able to deposit them, and notify our secretary prior to sending out the next reminders. However, if you continue to receive reminders well past the time you sent in your dues, please do let us know and we will check it out and get back to you. Also, while our chapter bylaws state any member in arrears for dues more than 6 months is to be dropped from our chapter, I am sending out personal letters to each one of those members, to double-check do they really want to be dropped as a member, as we certainly don't want to see that happen if they did not intend to do so.

As I've mentioned previously, we are always looking for ideas from our members for what you would like to see in our quarterly newsletter. Also, please feel free to forward

to our newsletter editor Jean Maddux any info/articles you see on useful RV-related products, helpful ideas, recipes, web sites and/or apps for iPhones/iPads/etc. - especially those you have tried - along with any comments, as I'm sure other members can benefit from them. That also includes comments (both pro and con) regarding RV parks, destinations and service and/or parts centers. We also want very much to hear from you your ideas for future chapter outings - such as which locations you believe would be good ones to use - especially if you have been there to see it. We would also love to have members to volunteer to be a rally master - but that is not necessary to suggest a location! We would also like to hear from you if you have ideas for incentives for obtaining new chapter members, as it will make our chapter even better - especially with new faces, new ideas and further sharing of our Alfa experiences!

Also regarding our newsletter: any of you who are receiving it as a hard copy in the mail, and who have an email address that we could email it to you instead, we'd appreciate you providing us with your email address, so we can minimize the cost of printing and postage.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me or any of our other chapter officers with questions, ideas and especially suggestions for future outings. We all want this to continue to be a great chapter and of maximum benefit to all members! We're looking forward to seeing you at one of our future functions, or maybe just along the road!

Randy Scott, President
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Editor's Note ~~ By Jean Maddux, newsletter editor ~~~~~ jeansalfanews@gmail.com

So sorry this newsletter is so late. Please remember this is my first one and I am not sure what I am doing. Many of you have probably been in my shoes. This has been a very busy summer for us which has caused some of the delay in figuring out how to put this newsletter together. We returned home in May after 8 months on the road. We left Oregon on September 5th and went east all the way to Maine. Fall is a beautiful time to travel across country. We visited many of the tourist destinations and lots of other places too. By the end of October we were heading south to warmer weather. Wrong!!! No warm weather, even in Florida!! The weather was very strange this last year.

After getting home we started many projects on our home. My husband is happy to be doing something other than clean the windshield !! We had grandchildren for five weeks, a car show (we have a '41 Cadillac), a Country Music Festival, a wedding, and we were wagon masters of an Alfa outing in Coos Bay, OR. (this was also our first time). Whew !!!! We are looking forward to a rest.

I hope you are all having a fun filled and busy summer, whatever you are doing & wherever you are.

Jean

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.....
.....It's learning how to dance in the rain.

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

If you would like to suggest **a local rally**, please contact our President, Randy Scott. 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?** We have several documents to help those interested in planning a pre, post or other rally for our members. You can contact Randy 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*.

Alfa SeeYas
Alternate Director's Report
By Larry York
FMCA Convention, Madison, WI
7-13 August 2011

Shirley and I arrived at Alliant Energy Center Sunday, August 7th about noon. We were glad we did not arrive any later as the coaches started coming in large numbers after we arrived. We had asked for parking in the Governing Board area with electric. That put us on asphalt (a good thing considering the rain we had later in the week) with much more room between rigs than we get at Indio. After settling in, we walked around the area to get a feel where the activities would be held. Our rig was about a quarter of a mile from the center of everything.

The facilities were over the top! Except for a couple of seminars and the coaches that were on display, all activities and venues were in air conditioned buildings and rooms. They even had multiple food vendors that were priced right. The number and quality of market place vendors were exceptional. There were very few vendors that were not RV related. They had several companies available to perform service on your rig. And, the number and diversity of seminars were absolutely amazing. Please remember, we have no other events of this scale to compare as we have only attended a couple of the Indio Western Area Rallies and one Good Sam National Rally, but we were very impressed!

Since we had free time on Monday, we decided to take advantage of it and toured the Monroe, WI area to see several of the "quilt barns" and the farms around that area.

Tuesday, I started off my day sitting in on the Candidates' Forum. Based on the presentations of the candidates and the questions asked, it was obvious that new member recruiting, member retention, finances, and Executive Board transparency to the Governing Board and the members were the central issues and the common thread of the various meetings I attended over the week. Other points that captured my attention were: need to focus on having activities at rallies and conventions that will draw families and have weekend rallies that will draw 40-50 year olds and still working members; need to make conventions finances break even or profitable; should FMCA be open to towable RVs? - a resounding "no" by all candidates; and need to match the conventions to the participation levels.

Wednesday, I attended the Governing Board Meeting. Highlights of the meeting are:

- President's Report -
 - FMCA is losing 500 to 600 members per month. With a potential membership market base of over one million registered motor homes in the US, we need to be aggressive about recruiting new members.
 - Attendance at conventions is declining. In 2005 attendance averaged 10K per convention. In 2010, attendance was down to 4K. While Perry and Pomona conventions tend to make money or break even, Redmond and Madison lose money. Attendance at Madison ended up about 75% of budgeted (1809 family coaches, 101 exhibitor live-in coaches, and 233 demo/display coaches).
- Treasurer's Report -
 - Recouped \$1.365M in Federal Taxes and \$12K in back interest by refilling earlier tax returns. These funds were placed in the investments and savings account.

- The Governing Board approved all actions of the Executive Board except:
 - The appointment of a committee to research the process, cost, issues, and benefits to establish a separate corporation to be affiliated with FMCA for self-contained towables and report back to the Executive Board in a timely manner.
 - The approval of holding the winter 2013 convention in Pomona, CA.
- Other highlights -
 - FMCA will begin issuing vinyl membership plates rather than plastic plates to new members. Vinyl plates will cost \$1.79 for two plates for the coach and one for the toad compared to \$16.90 for two plates for the coach.
 - At a point, providing free medical evacuation coverage (FMCAssist) will become a concern if membership continues to decline.
 - With the approved changes to the budget, there is an approximate surplus of \$57K for FY 2012.
- Future Conventions -
 - Until the financial situation reverses, there will be one convention per year.
 - Each Chapter is encouraged to develop a "stuffed" mascot and to bring it to the 2012 Convention in Indianapolis, IN.
 - Actions are underway to develop a "virtual" convention in 2012. Participants will sign up online, pay a fee, and participate in seminars, etc., virtually at any time.
 - The 2013 50th Anniversary Convention will be held in August at Hutchinson, KS. The theme is "Mile Marker 50".
 - The 2014 Convention will be in the winter in Perry, GA.
- Membership Services -
 - National Headquarters has rolled out "Campground Connections". This is an on-line directory of campgrounds that provide a discount to FMCA members. It is based on Google Maps which allows you to bore down to find campgrounds in the vicinity of where you will be traveling. By clicking on the location, a window will pop up with specifics about that campground. Chapters are encouraged to select these participating campgrounds for their rallies.
 - FMCA has entered into a partnership with Sam's Club. Gift cards of various denominations will be given to FMCA members for joining/renewing their Sam's Club membership.
 - Fantasy RV Tours has partnered with FMCA to provide discounts to FMCA members.
 - Michelin Tire has also partnered with FMCA.
- Officer Elections -
 - Charlie Schrenkel was elected President by a vote of 189 to 176 with 3 ballots invalid.
 - Allen Rein was elected Senior VP by a vote of 219 to 148.
 - Will Young was re-elected Treasurer by a vote of 226 to 141.
 - Vicky Ferrari was elected Secretary by a vote of 294 to 73.

Friday, I attended the INTO Area Business Meeting. After the governing board acted on several business items, Sonny reported that there will not be an INTO Area Rally in 2012. That afternoon, Shirley and I

drove to "The House on the Rock". Several folks we had talked to said that this was a "must do". We certainly agree! If you have not been there, you have to put this one on your "bucket list".

On Saturday morning, Shirley and I attended the *General Membership Meeting*. Nothing new from the *Governing Board* meeting was presented.

Saturday afternoon, Shirley and I hosted a gathering of Alfa owners (both SeeYas Chapter members and non-members). 21 folks had indicated an interest in attending and 19 showed - After pizza, Phil Gates, who was going to join the Chapter, had his number drawn for a free membership! We handed out four membership application forms. It was a pretty good showing, but cut short due to a sudden rain storm.

This was our first time to attend a convention as well as the first as a member of the *Governing Board*. It was an eye opener and a great week of more activities and seminars we could ever imagine. We had a great time!

Larry York
Alternant Director

FMCAssist Card

Our web master, Tony Munson, has just recently put on our web site www.AlfaSeeYas.com a link that will allow you to type in your FMCA member number in the new FMCAssist card (unlike the one available from the FMCA web site - for which you must write in your FMCA member number), and then print them out. These cards have been updated since the original ones came out in the FMCA magazine a few months ago. Go to our web site www.AlfaSeeYas.com, click on "Important Information" and then on "FMCAssist ID Card" and you will get directions on what to do. Thanks Tony !!

RALLY CALENDAR: FMCA International Conventions and Area Rallies**Upcoming FMCA 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 www.FMCA.com.

September 28th to October 1st, 2011 – **South Central Area Rally**

Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

October 11th to 15th, 2011 – **Rocky Mountain Area Rally**

San Juan County Fairgrounds – McGee Park, Farmington, New Mexico

October 19th to 23rd, 2011 – **Eastern Area Rally**

Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

January 11th to 15th, 2012 – **Western Area Rally**

Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio, California

Rally Fees – US Funds Only**Pre-registered****After 12/30/2011**

Coach with 2 adults	\$125	\$135
Coach with 1 adult	\$115	\$125
Each additional guest	\$40	\$50
Children under 12	Free	Free
*Passport for 2 adults	\$70	\$80
*Passport for 1 adult	\$55	\$65

Optional Handicap Electric and General Electric Parking 20-30 amp only (Check at gate for availability, payable on arrival)

*No Motorhome Parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials and coffee hour.

Refunds will be given only upon written request if received no later than 12/23/2011. A cancellation charge of \$10 will be deducted from any amount. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned with request.

Registration after 12/22/2011 will be held at will call.

RALLY CALENDAR -- Upcoming AlfaSeeYas Chapter Rallies**ALFA ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA RALLY**

DATES: September 30 to October 9, 2011

LOCATION: Balloon Fiesta RV Parking (Alameda St., Albuquerque, NM)

WAGONMASTERS: Craig & Terilu Christen, (931) 224-8261, ctchristen@earthlink.net

INDIO PRE-RALLY

DATES: January 6 to 10, 2012

LOCATION: Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA

WAGONMASTERS: Mike & Lorraine Lynch, (928) 772-3637, lorrynellynch@gmail.com

Camp-California Guide Expanded

Camp-California Guide - The Camper's Guide to California from the California Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds, has tripled its database with the addition of government-run campgrounds and private campgrounds that are not affiliated with the statewide campground association.

The recently completed additions increased the database from 350 parks to more than 1,000 campgrounds, said Debbie Sipe, executive director of the association. She added that a digital version of the guide is available at www.camp-california.com.

The association plans to add the nearly 1,000 Forest Service campgrounds to its database next year.

In addition to campground listings, the guide also provides activities and events held throughout California during the year, as well as fun facts about the state.

To obtain a copy of the guide, visit one of California's Welcome Centers, email info@camp-california.com or visit www.camp-california.com.

FOR ALL YOU TECHIES OUT THERE

Check out this YouTube video about a 3-D Printer. You won't believe it !!!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZboxMsSz5>

[Aw](#)

50-AMP TESTING

I have a 2008 Fleetwood Bounder 38P with 50-amp service. When I go to an RV park, I want to test the power box before plugging in. How do I test the receptacle?
DUANE HUNSTAD: HASTINGS, MINN

I suspect you want to test to see if the voltage is adequate, Duane. The best way to test a 50-amp receptacle is with a multi-meeter set to AC volts with at least a full scale reading of 300 volts.

Insert the probes into the two flat-blade openings that are on each side of the receptacle. You should get 240 volts plus or minus 5 percent, or 228 to 252 volts. If it passes that test, remove one probe and insert it into the bottom flat-blade opening. You should get 120 volts plus or minus 5 percent, or 114 to 126 volts. If it passes that test, remove the remaining side probe and insert it into the flat-blade opening on the other side. Again, you should get 120 volts plus or minus 5 percent or 114 to 126 volts.

Once you plug in, you can test for a ground with a plug-in tester available at most hardware and RV parts stores. It will also tell you if the wiring is correct.

A motorhome with 50-amp service has two buses in its circuit breaker box. Ideally, you want to test both buses with the plug-in tester, but you may not be able to do so. All 120-volt receptacles may be on one bus, with the other bus supplying other 120-volt devices such as a second air conditioner. An electrician can open the circuit breaker box and tell you what is on each bus.

From Motorhome magazine Nov. 2009

Personal Ads for members:

We will be allowing Alfa SeeYas members to place personal ads in our future chapter newsletters. "RULES" for the ads will be:

- Ads must be for selling or wanting motorhomes, toads or related items
- Maximum of 50 words per ad
- Be sure to include your contact information (e.g., phone number, address and/or email address)
- There will be no cost for the ads
- There is limited space in each newsletter, therefore ads will be placed on a first received basis. Any received once the available space is filled will be put in the next newsletter issue. Please email or snail mail your ads to our newsletter editor Jean Maddux, at email: jeansalfanews@gmail.com, or snail mail: **79370 Hwy 99N, Cottage Grove, OR 97424**
- Please let Jean know ASAP if you have sold or obtained your wanted item, so she can delete it from the newsletter if there is time before it is published

He's My Brother - This is Priceless



Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out a box of tampons and proceeded to the checkout counter.

The man at the counter asked the older boy, "Son, how old are you?"

"Eight," the boy replied.

The man continued, "do you know what these are used for?"

The boy replied, "not exactly, but they aren't for me. They're for him. He's my brother. He's four. We saw on TV that if you use these you would be able to swim and ride a bike. Right now, he can't do either."

The Camp Cook's Corner

Calling all motorhome chefs: Please send some of your recipes —email jeansalfanews@gmail.com and they'll be included in future newsletters. It could be an appetizer you bring to Happy Hour, something good and easy to cook in the motorhome, or ???

Toast a Great Finish

Sent from Randy Scott

from "The Camper's Kitchen," Trailblazer Magazine, May 2011

Often a great travel day ends with a simple supper of toast, topped with a light but tasty finish. Try these variations on the popular Blushing Bunny you remember from Mother's kitchen:

1 can condensed low-sodium cream of tomato soup

8-ounce package process cheese such as Velveeta

Using a heavy saucepan over low heat, a double boiler or a microware container, gently heat soup and cheese, stirring often until smooth and hot. If mixture is too thick, thin it with a little cream or milk. Spoon over hot, buttered toast or one of the following:

Finish #1 - Stir a small can of baked beans into cheese mixture. Heat, and serve on hot, buttered toast.

Finish #2 - Stir finely diced cooked ham into cheese mixture and spoon on hot, buttered rye toast.

Finish #3 - Top each piece of hot, buttered toast with a fried egg and finish with tomato-cheese sauce.

Finish #4 - Drain and flake tuna over hot, buttered toast and top with tomato-cheese sauce.

Sent by Lorraine Lynch

HEARTY CHILI

10 oz. extra lean ground turkey breast

1 medium onion, diced

2 (28 oz.) cans diced tomatoes

2 medium zucchini, diced

2 medium yellow squash, diced

1 (1 ¼ oz.) package dry chili seasoning

1 (15 oz.) can black beans, rinsed & drained

2 (15 oz.) cans low sodium beef broth

4 celery stalks, diced

2 green bell peppers, diced

1. Spray large nonstick skillet with nonstick spray and set over medium high heat. Add turkey and onion, sauté until browned, about 5 minutes.
2. Transfer browned turkey and onion mixture to a large soup pot and add tomatoes, zucchini, squash, beans, broth, celery, bell peppers and chili seasoning. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Continue to simmer until veggies are tender, about 30 minutes.

PER SERVING: (1 cup) 76 calories, 1 G fat, 270 mg sodium, 3 G fiber



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!

Robert and Patty Cassels	Tony and Bobbi Guerrero	Walter and Debra Orechwa
James and Karla Clendenen	Corky and Joyce Hesla	Barry and Janis Tillotson
Richard Cox and Penny Pinette	Tom and Tessa Jolls	
Randy and Liz Dibb	John and Fran Kurz	

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

HAVE YOU HAD AN EXCITING MOMENT ??

Tell me your most exciting, (remember, exciting is not always good), moment in your motorhome. Have you done something funny, something dumb, or something you are glad no one saw you do? Tell me about it and I will put it into the newsletteranonymously if you wish. Send to jeansalfanews@gmail.com.

Notes from Members – Alfa Resources

Redding, CA Area RV Painting**By Joe and Barbara Felker**

When we were in Prineville and the Indio Rally several people expressed an interest in getting the stripes painted on their coaches. We have had ours done by a well-known painter in the Redding area. I asked him if he was interested in painting other coaches and he said yes. He has done an excellent job on our Alfa. If any member is interested you can contact

Jim Tyner 530-410-1828

Jody Peterson (All about RVs)

530-276-7755

Jim is well known in the show car community for his excellent work. He is conscientious and works hard to satisfy the customer.

OREGON AREA**Our painted Alfa, by Patty Rowe**

Is that a 2011, you might ask? No, but she looks brand new, better than new in my opinion. We came close last year to trading our Alfa for an expensive SOB (which stands for "some other brand"). Luckily we came to our senses. We LOVE our 2005 Alfa Gold and always have (not to mention the many friends we see at Alfa rallies). The interior is set up exactly like we need it in order to live and run our business six months each winter in the desert. But we thought the outside was looking a little dated,

and our decals were shrinking and getting a bit ratty. And when we thought about that SOB we nearly bought, we realized the thing we liked best about it was the gorgeous paint job. So we decided to treat our Alfa to full-body paint. Not the cheapest thing, but a lot less expensive than that SOB.

Since we live near Junction City, OR, during the summer months, Don was sure he could find some highly qualified painters here, now that the RV industry has pretty much folded up. Did he ever! We had two painters with over 20 years' experience each painting high-end motorhomes. And a long-time service technician who helped them, taking off and reattaching everything, and fixing anything that needed it.

I created the basic design, working from a photo of our Alfa. The painters (I should say "artists") added touches of their own that I would never have even thought of. The result is a real head-turner, with some very special features, like gold pin stripes, drop shadows, cream pearl, and "marble" done with an airbrush that looks like the real thing. Topped off with 5 clear coats, it's so shiny you could use it as a mirror to apply your makeup.

The cost, and time it takes, all depends on what you want. They can do everything from steaming off your decals and painting them back on, to the limits of your imagination. These highly skilled craftsmen have each painted thousands of high-end coaches during their careers. They are professional, talented, honest, and we feel reasonable for the quality of work they turn out.

If anyone has questions, feel free to email me at patty@webesnowbirds.com. You can also call head painter John Moody on his cell, 541-501-1337

Alfa Repair Facilities

Dick Albritton , Choudrandt, LA. (318) 278-1677, email dickalbritton@yahoo.com

Alfateers, in Fontana, CA. (909) 428-6775, website <http://www.alfateersrvservice.com>

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

Mike Ewing in Robertsdale AL (south of Loxley). (251) 508-3102, email ewingrvrepair@gmail.com

Useful Internet Sites for Alfa Owners

Our Chapter Website Alfa SeeYas.com: 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 Motor coach Association: 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 , & Nevada

[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 6 to 10, 2012, 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. Take a tour to learn about windmill operations and the geology of the area. Play a round of golf, or learn to crochet. 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, this 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 Pat and Barb Pintus). 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 \$312.00 Includes:

4 nights with full hookups at Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert CA

1 catered breakfast
2 continental breakfasts
3 catered dinners
Bring your own meat to grill & dish to share meal

Optional Tour: Windmill Tour (\$20 per person with full bus)
Regular price: \$27/senior 65 and older, \$30/adult

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

Optional Golf: Cathedral City Golf Course \$32 per person
Prizes will be awarded.

Rally Agenda

Friday, Jan 6, 2012 – Arrival Day

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

Saturday, Jan 7, 2012

7 – 9 am	Campground sponsored breakfast
9 – 10 am	Alfa SeeYas Chapter business meeting
10 – 11 am	Question/Answer time, and Updates with Alfateers
11 - 12 pm	Tech Talk

Lunch on your own

1 - 4 pm	Optional Tour: Windmills & More (Escorted tour via bus with expert guide to tell us about operations, features of the windmills, geology, weather in the area and lots more...
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Campground sponsored dinner followed by entertainment

Sunday, Jan 8, 2012

7:30 – 9 am	Coffee and rolls
1 – 3 pm	Coach Walk
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share

Monday, Jan 9, 2012

7:30 – 9 am	Coffee and rolls
10 - 12 pm	Craft (Learn to crochet) with Terry Scott (Yarn and crochet hook are included in \$3 cost)
12 - 5 pm	Optional Golf: Cathedral City Golf Course
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Campground sponsored dinner

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2012 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 6 - 10, 2012 - Palm Desert, CA - Registration Form
Wagon Masters Mike & Lorraine Lynch & Assistant Wagon Masters Pat & Barb Pintus

Names (as you want to appear on badge) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone # _____ Home Phone# _____

Email Address: _____

Rally Fee (\$210 camping/coach for 4 nights + \$51/person for 4 catered meals including tax & tip): \$ 312.00

_____ Additional people at \$51.00 per person (for meals) \$ _____

Park Pet Fee \$2/per day/per pet (2 pets maximum) _____ pets @ \$8.00 each \$ _____

*Optional Tour: Windmill Tour @ \$20 per person **IF bus is full!** Limited to the first 21 people to sign up. (Regular price: \$27.00 seniors 65 & older, \$30.00 adult)*

We are asking for the regular price NOW, and if we have a full bus, we will refund the balance at the rally. _____ people @ \$30.00 _____ people @ \$27.00 \$ _____

Golf (At Cathedral City Golf Course) @ \$32.00 per person (includes prizes) \$ _____

Craft (Learn how to Crochet - yarn & crochet hook will be provided) @ \$3.00 per person \$ _____

TOTAL, including Rally Fee, Extra People, Pet Fee, Tour Fee, Golf, Craft: \$ _____

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

Mike Lynch, Wagon Master
 7760 E. State Rte. 69
 Ste. C5-244
 Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Questions? email Lorraine -
lornainellynch@gmail.com or
 phone Lorraine at 928-772-3637
 or Mike at 928-710-3681

Deadlines: Total space at the park is limited to 30 coaches. Reservation deadline to your Wagon Master is **no later than November 30, 2011!!**

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 on either side of 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 January 10, a day early intentionally, to insure we have parking together "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 will collect for electric at that time as well (usually \$40 for the entire FMCA 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 damage or injury.

Signature _____ Date _____

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