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Newsletter for our FMCA Chapter

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President's Message

~ By Randy Scott ~ rscott@antelecom.net

Happy Summer to everyone! I hope those of you who are traveling are availing yourselves of the nice weather that seems to be prevalent (at least the day I write this!) throughout this great continent! Terry and I have done some traveling, and are planning on some smaller trips this year. While I am on the subject of trips, I wanted to remind you of several that are coming up in our future. First is FMCA'S 87th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase, Aug 27-30, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. Our chapter National Director Mike Lynch, and his wife Lorraine, will be attending to represent our chapter. Hopefully, some of you will also be going? If so, please look up Mike and Lorraine-they are going to try to have an informal Happy Hour for attending Alfa owners, you may make some new friends and maybe we will obtain new members for our chapter! For your planning, please "save the dates" for several future AlfaSeeYas chapter functions: our annual pre-rally Jan 4-8 in Palm Desert, CA (more details later in this newsletter), after which we will caravan to the nearby annual FMCA Western Area rally in Indio, CA to be held Jan 9-13, 2013 (details and registration will be in the FMCA magazine). March 20-23, 2013 will be the INTO rally in Tucson, AZ (more info on this one will also be in the FMCA magazine). INTO is the FMCA

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International Area Organization into which our FMCA chapter (and many others) are grouped, as we are not associated with any particular geographic region, but rather have members from throughout the US and Canada. I have never attended one of these, but Terry and I plan to do so, and hope some of you will join us. Check future chapter newsletters and FMCA magazine issues for more details when they are released. The 2013 FMCA Family Reunion will be in Gillette, WY June 19-22, 2013. We will have a

chapter representative attending, hopefully many of you will also. Then, Sep 11-20, 2013 will be our chapter rally in Gettysburg and Lancaster, PA details and registration (information is in this newsletter). Fran and John Kurz have already done a great job in planning it out, and there will be more information in our future newsletters. For those of us traveling some distance to attend it, we are looking at having some other chapter functions before and after the Sept rally. Please send me your ideas of where and when would be good to have one, and we will see if we can set something up. As you may remember from one of my first messages, our intent is to try to have more Chapter functions in the Eastern US (and Canada too), so I need your thoughts and ideas.

We had a great time at the Annual Alfa Owners Rally this past April in Gold Canyon, seeing old friends, making new ones, and obtaining several new chapter members! We had a chapter meeting on April 17, with over 40 members and guests in attendance. We had a number of topics including recent and planned outings, reminding folks to vote on the proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules amendments, and recruiting of new members. We also had several drawings and gave away a free one year FMCA and AlfaSeeYas chapter member- ships, a free 2 year dues extension to an existing Chapter member, and an FMCA Road Atlas.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to read and then vote recently on our proposed amendments to our Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules. We received votes from 19 member RVers, with the following results:

19 Yes votes for the Proposed

Amendments to the Chapter Bylaws. Our Chapter Bylaws require a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting to amend them-these proposed amendments received 100% affirmative votes, therefore the proposed amendments to the Chapter Bylaws passed.

15 Yes votes for Proposed Amendments 1-3 to the Chapter Standing Rules (4 of those voting did not cast votes for the Proposed Amendments to the Standing Rules)

14 Yes, 1 No vote for Proposed Amendments 4a and 4d to the Standing Rules

13 Yes, 2 No votes for the Proposed Amendment 4e to the Standing Rules Per the FMCA recommended Standing Rules format (our Chapter Standing Rules don't state specifically the vote required for amending them), a majority affirmative vote is required to amend them – all the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules received a majority vote, and therefore all passed.

To briefly remind everyone: The Chapter Bylaws amendments dealt with holding only one (versus the previous two) business meeting per year, when the Chapter secretary is required to furnish the chapter info to FMCA , and changes to reflect changes in the National bylaws. The Chapter Standing Rules amendments dealt with allowing guests at Chapter functions, refunds for rally cancellations, holding one business meeting per year, and reimbursement for attending National meetings. Further details can be found in our last Chapter newsletter.

We are making some minor changes to our Chapter Web Site (thanks to our great

webmaster Tony Munson!!) – such as deleting the member only section (per feedback received from members). As I mentioned previously, it has not been used much, and many members were mistaken in its purpose. We haven't lost any of the still pertinent information that it contained – either put it in other locations in the web site, or referenced it. As many of you know, there are a number of sources already (such as the Yahoo forums) that many Alfa owners (including many of our Chapter members) frequent, and they also include search capabilities by topics, so we are not losing anything by deleting our members-only tab. We are also making some updates to the web site – such as changing the reference to the Medex card to the FMCAssist card in our chapter info card used to provide information to prospective new members. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have – our web site is for all of us to use. Please forward anything you write to either Tony or me and we will certainly address it. You'll also see soon that there are minor differences to our chapter jackets and hats – the previous supplier discontinued the type jacket we were getting, but the new one is very similar – not quite as glossy, and it has a different lining that is said to be more breathable. The hats now have plastic adjustment bands for both colors.

Wishing you all safe and happy travels, and hoping we will see you on down the road!

~~ Randy

Editor's Note by Jean Maddux
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Can you believe it is August already?? I sure hope everyone is having a good summer in spite of the heat in most places. Here in the Northwest is the place to be in the summer. We only get a *few* days of HOT weather, the rest of the time it is very nice.

The Annual Alfa Owners Club Rally was in April at the Canyon Vistas RV Resort in Gold Canyon, AZ. We had a total of 100 rigs that were registered and another 16 Alfa's not affiliated with any chapter. Many did join a chapter during the rally.

This rally was the beginning of a new era for the annual AOC. It was the first rally not hosted by a chapter. It was put together by committees of volunteers from several of the chapters. The volunteers organized the rally strictly by communicating via the Internet using emails to transmit forms, data, information and ideas. What a great job everyone did, and the Rally was a GREAT success.

Larry York was our Rally Master and boy

My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.

does he know how to delegate!! Good Job Larry !! Pretty much everyone had some kind of job to do, either putting together or volunteering to help. These included logistics, welcoming, registration, parking, ice cream social, food, coffee & donuts, wine & cheese social, decorating & table settings, morning walks, craft classes and a book sale. Then we had a Golf Tournament, Pet Parade, and off site entertainment (which was at the Rockin' R Ranch, a country western theme park, where we had a dinner & show. Lots of fun), There were a few vendors and some seminars. We had a ladies luncheon and catered dinners. Lots of door & raffle prizes! And lots of socializing & happy hours. It is so nice to wake up in a "herd" of Alfa's! I hope this gets you excited for the next AAOC Rally in April 2013 !!! I know you will **ALL** want to be there.

Happy Trails and be safe.

~~ Jean

I Did Not Know This.....

When you drink vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure.

When you drink rum over ice, it can give you liver failure.

When you drink whiskey over ice, it can give you heart problems.

When you drink gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.

Apparently, ice is really bad for you.
Warn all your friends.

Amazing Simple Home Remedies (These really work!! I checked this out on Snoops and it's for real!)

1. Avoid cutting yourself when chopping vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
2. Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.

3. For high blood pressure sufferers ~ simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer.

4. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

5. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you'll be afraid to cough.

6. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

“Our Be Decaled (pronounced dek’ ald by the Canadians) Experience”.

By Tom & Maureen Mathison (Canadians)

We bought our Alfa a year ago and have enjoyed RVing in it. We think that Alfa really stands for **A Lot For (your) Alms**. We are still discovering “nice things” that come standard on Alfas. Ours is a 2005 Founder with 20,000 miles.

One big issue for us was that the previous owner had tried to take off some of the decals (dek als) and had done a very poor job and also some of the remaining decals were really weather worn. We talked about different approaches to making our coach look nice again. Full body paint is really nice but at this point it is not in our budget. We also talked about getting the strips painted on but again this was expensive and paint shops were really not interested. We thought of going to Mexico to have the work done but travelling there was not in our plans for this winter (it would be a shame to have to repair bullet holes in the new paint).

We were not sure about getting replacements but the Alfateers helped us with picking the right ones and Martin was nice enough to bring them to the FMCA rally. Our coach has a “gold” stripe that “swoops” from the rear to almost the front and is about 6 inches wide. We also have a gold stylized “sun” with rays that look like they are going about 100 mph when parked. We bought decals for both the passenger and driver sides for both the stripe and sun. The total cost was about \$550. There are also purple stripes that we think represent waves so it must be a sunrise over the ocean but the interpretation changes depending on the amount and brand of beer drunk at happy hour. The purple stripes are in excellent condition.

These came as a “big roll” and we got cold feet about installing them. We thought of finding someone but found few people with experience. We were lucky in that the stripe for the driver’ side had been cut to just the stripe’s decal width and seemed “controllable” (6 inches by 30 feet) whereas the passenger stripe was on the a roll that was about 2.5 feet wide by 30 feet and when we unrolled it the wind just made it impossible to control.

Just a note on how the decals work. The ones we got were a three ply arrangement with a “stiff” waxy backing paper, the decal itself (the part that stays on the coach) and a “topping paper” that gets removed after the decal has “dried”. When the factory makes the decals they typically use a huge backing sheet, the decal which typically looks pretty small compared to the backing sheet and then the topping sheet which is supplied to match the backing sheet. A lot of paper for a small amount of decal.

Once we understood that we just need the three ply sheet the width of the decal plus about 1 inch all around everything seemed controllable. Next we watched a “U Tube” video on how to install the decal. The process seemed to be straight forward. But first we needed to remove some of the old decals to make way for the new one. After some experimentation, we discovered that a hair dryer (free, [- if your wife agrees), a glass scraper that uses straight blades (\$4 at Home Depot) and mineral spirits (\$3 at Wal-

Mart – you don't use much) makes the job easy – but time consuming. Place the hair dryer about 1 inch from the old decal and wait about 10 seconds, begin pushing the scraper under the decals and keep moving the dryer and scraper along. It won't take long to figure out the right speed to get the heat in to melt the old glue. Once the old decal is gone apply the mineral spirits with a cloth and use the scraper to clean off the glue. This takes a long time - the mineral spirits dissolves the glue but it then need to be removed with scraper (no heat is needed for this step). Once all of the glue is gone wash the area with soap and water - I just used a wetted cloth and a dry cloth.

Oops. I should have told you about some helpful things beforehand. We were very lucky in that "identical" decals were available. Where there was an existing decal (say a sun ray) we would cut out the new decal (but an inch wider than the decal proper) and use masking tape to hold it in position exactly over the old one. Once we were sure that the new one was in the right spot we would take more masking tape and partially "frame" the edges of the new decal. We used enough "framing" masking tape that we were confident that the new one would be in the right position. Remove the new decal and follow the procedure for removing the old one. We also made sure that we marked on the topping sheet "top" "rear" on it. On the sun rays we actually fitted all the new rays (but all cut independently) over the old ones and labeled them as to 3, 9, 12 o'clock position as well as "front" and "bottom". Once all had been "framed" we took the new decals down and then removed all of the old decals at one time.

By this time the entire campsite was interested in our adventure and when I looked back from the ladder there were 12 lawn chairs with "students" watching. Luckily I didn't wear my plumbing shorts with the low rise rear. I think the main thing learned was that regardless of the number of beers they provided I was only going to do our coach. I also noted that there was much more interest when Maureen was on the ladder, I believe this was due to my lecture ability when not directly involved in the work.

The next event is the scariest in applying the decals but when you actually look, even the long stripes are broken by fridge vents, lockers, slide outs etc. This means you are actually dealing with shorter pieces of decal and if you have good "framing" to know the final position, it is easy. To apply we bought a spray bottle at Home Depot (\$3) filled it half full of water (1/2 pint) and about 5 drops of dish detergent. With two people one starts to peel the backing paper off the decal while the other sprays the back (glue side) of the decal. It is amazing how the pre soapy water decal is incredibly sticky but once wetted become "slippery". A quick soapy spray on the coach where the decal is going and then it's just moving it around until it is in the right place. We found in bright sunlight (a no-no but sometimes you have no choice) we needed to spray the topping paper to allow us time to move the decal into place. Typically you have about 3 minutes from laying the decal on until it does not want to move around, although spraying more soapy water on will extend this time. Once it is positioned you take a rubber "putty knife" (Wal-Mart \$3 for a set of a small, medium and large blade - used for applying Bondo on car repairs) and start squeezing the water from the center to the outsides. You can feel the decal "tighten" to the coach once you start this. We applied the stripe over some of the things such as the electrical outlet and the garbage can door and then used a Xacto knife and /or scissors to fit. As long as you work at a reasonable pace this works very well.

Once everything is “set”, wait between 1.5 and 2 hours (we found the 1.5 hours worked well) and then peel of the topping paper. Hopefully everything will be tight but we found that the decal was “super sticky” again, and just rubbing a finger along the edges makes everything stick. We had a few air bubbles but the U Tube video said just use a pin and press flat and this worked for us.

You need to wait four days to wax the new decals with carnuba wax.

The driver’s side stripe was cut at the factory to the exact width of the decal (topping and backing paper were exactly the same size as the decal) which was easy to handle but made it more difficult as our “framing” masking tape was right up against the edge of the old decal so I was worried about getting all of the old glue off versus loosening the masking tape with the mineral spirits. Also when removing the topping paper we need to “pick” at it to get a start for pulling it off. In this case it is directly over the decal rather than having a 1 inch border to lift and we used a pin to help start the top sheet removal. We much preferred to work with a decal with the one inch extension but it worked with the exact cut. Also the 1 inch is just an “eyeball” one inch as the masking tape framing is set against the edge of the decal so you do not need to measure or cut precisely.

To do both sides with suns, rays and the big strip took about 2 days. Some of the time was spent waiting for the sun to move off an area and for the “paint to dry”. It really was not hard but did require time on the ladder. We think that our coach now looks “complete” and are very happy with the results. Most decals work like the ones we bought but next time we would be sure to ask if these are ones that use the soapy water to apply. We understand there are some that are not compatible with the soapy water. The other question is should you remove old decals prior to being ready to install the new ones. Having the old one made “framing” really easy. Where the previous owner had removed the decals we spent considerable time looking for changes in color to the fiberglass and took measurements from the “big” decal prior to cutting it into its components to make sure we could get it in the new one in the right place. I probably would wait till I have the new decal before removing the old one.

Also it might have been possible to apply the sun and rays as one piece (without cutting each piece out) but handling a sheet that size would require two people on ladders and to squeeze the water out now is a “big thing”. If the new decal was different than the old one (or on a new place) I would definitely want to “frame” all of the parts to make sure it looked right prior to installing the first piece.

So if you see a Founder with a shiny new sun and rays please stop by and say hello. For the right amount of beer I might consider helping install another decal.

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body. But rather to skid in sideways, hamburger in one hand, and ice cold beer in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming,

“WOW, WHAT A RIDE”

Gettysburg/Lancaster PA, September 11-20, 2013

Rally Masters Fran & John Kurz

NOTE-tour is scheduled for September of 2013

An exciting 10 day rally visiting two of the most sought after venues in Pennsylvania. This rally is being sponsored by the Alfa SeeYas FMCA Chapter. Alfa SeeYas members/guests/others are also invited, and any type of RV is welcome. Tour is limited to 25 rigs. Fran & John Kurz have put together a really nice package.

We start our tour with a 4 day visit to Gettysburg. The Battle of Gettysburg was fought July 1-3, 1863, in and around the town of Gettysburg, PA. The battle with the largest number of casualties in the American Civil War: it is often described as the war's turning point. Union Maj. Gen. George Gordon Meade's Army of Northern Virginia, ending Lee's invasion of the North. Along with visiting the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, we will also have an optional full day guided tour of the battlefields, the Shriver Home, and end with dinner with "General and Mrs. Lee". See <http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm> for information on other activities provided by the Visitor Center.

We will then move to Lancaster for a 6 day, 5 night stay among the Amish. The farmlands of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country are among the most productive in the nation. But many of the farmers here are different from most Americans; different by choice. For these are the Old Order Amish and Mennonites, also known as the "Plain People".

Our Amish neighbors have been employing horse-drawn power since the days when horsepower had a whole different meaning! In comparison to our fast-paced society, the simpler, family-centered Amish way of life holds a special fascination. Along with various tourist and shopping venues, we will have an optional guided tour of the farmlands ending in an evening at an Amish farm where we will be served dinner, and the family will lead a discussion and answer period. For information on other activities in this area, please visit <http://www.800padutch.com/amish.shtml>

Approximate tour cost:	9 nights of Camping (4 people)	\$450.00
	Additional person fee per day	5.00
	Pets welcome, no fee	
	Morning coffee & donuts (per person)	10.00
Optional Tours (per person):	Gettysburg	78.00
(Minimum of 35 needed)	Lancaster	83.00

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SIGNING UP IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

Recipe from Lorraine Lynch that is low in calories, but GREAT in taste!

If you like Reuben sandwiches you'll love this low-calorie casserole version! Also you can make this casserole up to 8 hours ahead. Assemble, cover and chill. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes before baking. **Preheat oven to 350**

REUBEN BAKE

5 cups peeled, cubed baking potatoes	4 cups pre-packaged shredded cabbage
1/3 cup fat-free sour cream	½ tsp. caraway seeds
¼ cup skim milk	1 cup finely chopped lean deli corned beef (about ¼ pound)
½ tsp. salt	¼ cup fat free Thousand Island dressing
¼ tsp. pepper	1 ¼ cups (5oz) shredded Swiss cheese, divided
Cooking spray	
Paprika	

Bring potatoes to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes or until very tender. Drain well. Combine potatoes, sour cream, milk, salt & pepper and beat with mixer at medium speed for 2 minutes or until smooth. (I add an additional 2 Tbsp. of water to help with consistency. Set aside. Coat nonstick skillet with cooking spray, place over medium heat until hot. Add cabbage, corned beef and caraway seeds. Sauté 4 minutes or until cabbage wilts. Remove from heat, stir in dressing. Spread half of potato mixture in bottom of an 11x7 inch baking dish coated with cooking spray, top with cabbage mixture and sprinkle with 1 cup cheese. Spread remaining potato mixture over cheese, top with remaining cheese and sprinkle with paprika.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until golden. Yields: 6 servings of 1 1/3 cups

PER SERVING: 260 calories, 8.9 grams of fat, 530 mg sodium, 3.2grams 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!

Jeff and Kathy Brainerd
 Les and Susan Chandler
 Paul and Karen Coffman
 Larry and Carole Lahtinen
 Dale and Diana Manners

Patrick and Marita Parks
 Ron and Linda Pearson
 Bill and Linda Strunk
 Gerry and Elaine Winey

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

Alfa Repair Facilities

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

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

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

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

Bretz RV, Missoula, MT (406) 541-4800 website www.bretzrv.com

Gene Kelley's Mobile RV Repair (RVSA Certified Master Technician) Tucson, AZ (502) 906-9676

Useful Internet Sites for Alfa Owners

Our Chapter Website AlfaSeeYas.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 question 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).

AlfaSeeYas: <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

[Sun Seekers](#) - North of Eugene, Oregon & Washington

[Western States Wranglers RV Club](#) - Northern California to Eugene, Oregon

[Lone Stars](#) - Texas Area

[Alfa One](#) - LA and surrounding area

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

Personal Ads for members:

We will be allowing AlfaSeeYas 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, 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.

PRICE REDUCED !!! 2005 Alfa See Ya 40'

34,000 miles, all new batteries (2 chassis & 6-6volt). New Heavy Duty center feed main slide out motor, new microwave/convection, new CB radio. Was asking \$89,000, **NOW ASKING \$70,000**. Call or write: John Holstrom, 573 Rider Ridge Drive, Longmont, CO 80504. Phone # (760) 861-4271. NOTE: Motorhome has never been smoked in and no pets. Also Oregon License Plates paid until the end of August 2013. Great Buy !!

TIPS FROM READERS

Tow vehicle cover and other accessories:

Coastline Cover Company

10096 Sixth Street Suite L

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Phone # (800) 216-1664 Internet site: www.coastlinecover.com

They are located not far from Alfateers in Fontana, CA. This person bought one of their covers for his 2009 Saturn Vue. A little on the expensive side but he had been looking for this particular type of cover for quite some time. The Maddux's have also purchased a hood & windshield cover for their Jeep Grand Cherokee and it fit like a glove. They also made bicycle covers for the Maddux's.

You just call them and give them the year, make, and model of your tow vehicle and they will tell you if they have a pattern available to make the cover. They can have it to you in about one to two weeks.

Both Harlan Steinle and Randy Scott subscribe to the following newsletter and said that it is very good and asked me to put the link to it in this newsletter for others to check out. It is called RV Travel. Issue # 533 is now ready for your reading pleasure.

To read this issue, click this link or paste it into your browser:

<http://rvtravel.com/?q=rv-travel-newsletter-issue533>

SOME USEFUL APPS FOR PEOPLE WITH IPHONES & IPADS

Check to see if they are available for other devices.

Camp & RV (a very good app)

Camp Finder

Passport America

Cracker Barrel

Starbucks

Domino's

Where's DQ

Gas Buddy-great app for looking up gas & diesel prices by current location

My Pilot (Pilot & Flying J) - good app

Love's Travel Stops

Winery Finder

Napa Tour

Sonoma Tour

Wine Stein Pro

Convert Units

My Weather

Pet Smart

ALLStays Camp & RV

W&Y Pages

Yellow Pages

Elks Lodges Toilets

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.*

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.

August 27th to 30th, 2012 - **FMCA's 87th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase**
Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana (Lorraine & Mike Lynch will be there as National Director of the AlfaSeeYas. If you want to join them for "Happy Hours" or just want to connect, please call 928-772-3637)

September 11th to 16th, 2012 - **Rocky Mountain Ramble**
CAM-PLEX, Gillette, Wyoming

September 26th to 30th, 2012 - **South Central Area Rally**
Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma

October 10th to 14th, 2012 - **Eastern Area Rally**
York Expo Center, York, Pennsylvania

January 9th to 13th, 2013 - **Western Area Rally**
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Indio, California

January 4th thru 8th, 2013

SAVE THE DATE

AlfaSeeYas Pre-rally to the FMCA Rally in Indio, California **pg.20**

RALLY CALENDAR ~~ UPCOMING ALFA CHAPTER RALLIES**SUN SEEKERS CHAPTER OUTINGS**

Contact Mel Kirkland at mel.kirkland@msn.com OR call (360) 666-1621 (360) 991-7436 for information and a registration packet on all outings.

SEPTEMBER OUTING

Dates: September 20th to 25th, 2012

Location: Blackwell Island RV Park, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Wagonmasters: Randy & Cheryl Fabian and Ken Opp & Joy Bucholtz

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 20th, 2012

NOVEMBER OUTING

Dates: November 2nd to 5th, 2012 (3 nights)

Location: Columbia Riverfront RV Park, Woodland, Washington

Wagonmasters: Jon & Jane King and Denny & Lei Wright

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 2nd, 2012

ALFA ONE CHAPTER OUTINGS**SEPTEMBER OUTING**

Dates: September 5th to 9th, 2012

Location: Chula Vista RV Resort & Marina, Chula Vista, California

Wagonmasters: Pat Hoffman & John Reay (562) 421-4570 gingerphir@yahoo.com

ROADRUNNER CHAPTER OUTINGS**OCTOBER OUTING "NO FRILLS, JUST FUN"**

Dates: October 15th to 20th, 2012

Location: Portal RV Resort, Moab, Utah

Wagonmasters: Dave & Sarah Allen dallen54200@yahoo.com (530) 401-8493

Wayne & Jean Dunn jeandunn3222@yahoo.com (925) 786-5750

ROADRUNNER CHAPTER OUTINGS (CONTINUED)**JANUARY OUTING**

Dates: January 19th to 27th, 2013

Location: 2013 La Posta North BLM land, Quartzsite, Arizona

Wagonmasters: Sven & Sharon Novion novionss@live.com

APRIL OUTING Pre Rally to the Alfa Owners Annual Rally

Dates: April 7th to 10th, 2013

Location: 2013 Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort, Casa Grande, Arizona

Wagonmasters: Mike & Lorraine Lynch lorrynellynch@gmail.com

Joe Hughes & Val Nelsen joemhuzs@gmail.com

SOUTH LOAFERS CHAPTER OUTINGS**OCTOBER OUTING**

Dates: October 21st to 26th, 2012

Location: Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, California

Wagonmasters: Ron & Marla Green (239) 877-2367 ronatchulavista@cox.net

Jim & Carol Vandepas (714) 282-1744 jwvcav@aol.com

JANUARY OUTING

Dates: TBA

Location: Quartzsite, Arizona

Wagonmasters: TBA

ALFA OWNERS CLUB ANNUAL RALLY**SAVE THE DATE**

Dates: April 11th thru 17th, 2013

Location: Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort, Casa Grande, Arizona

Wagonmasters: Jim & Nina Fields

Dave & Darlene Stevens

ALFA SUNRISERS NIAGARA FALLS RALLY

Date: September 17th thru 23rd, 2012

Wagonmasters: Mike & Ellen Blesy EllenBlesy@aol.com 850-524-3677

Please call, still 3 spots left.

If anyone is coming East to "peep" at the leaves, this rally would fit right in to their plans. We would be very happy to have you join us. I have lots of events planned with plenty of free days to see more of our Beautiful Western New York country side. A bus trip to the Canadian side with lunch, a boat ride of the Erie Canal with lunch, dinner that Friday night at a nice restaurant, then tour the New York side of the Falls with the Falls illuminated and fireworks. A day spent on the New York side of the Falls with "Maid of the Mist" ride, "Cave of the Winds", the Aquarium, Theater and Discovery Center for one low price. All pertinent information can be found in our April Newsletter located at WWW.Sunrisers.org We think everyone will enjoy the events we have planned.

Some very true words to ponder.....I hope you enjoy.

As I've aged I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon, before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read, or play on the computer until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50, 60, & 70's and if I at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk to the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body and will dive into the waves with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful, but there again some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit

by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself any more, I've earned the right to be wrong.

So, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day if I feel like it !!!

NO FRILLS, JUST FUN RALLY October 15th thru 20th, 2012

This years' Roadrunner fall rally is going to be at Portal RV in Moab, Utah. Moab is surrounded by beautiful red rock mountains, Arches National Park is just a few miles up the road and Canyonlands National Park is in the area. Hole in the Wall is 13 miles south of Moab. Moab offers many biking and hiking trails, restaurants and loads of shopping.

Portal RV Park is located on Hwy 191 just north of the town. It offers full hookups, including cable TV on pull through sites. The Park will cook a free pancake breakfast for us between 7:30 and 8:30 am and a hamburger and hotdog dinner with all the fixings one night during our stay.

As you may or may not know Moab is a 4 wheeling Mecca. Doug Sorensen of Portal RV Resort has volunteered to lead any one that wants to go, on some of the over 50 4-wheeling trails around Moab. Doug also offers a one and a half to two hour trail ride for those that want to experience the beauty of the red rock bask country, but don't have a suitable vehicle.

All you have to do is **fill out the registration form** (contact Doug & Sarah Allen at dallen54200@yahoo.com 530-401-8493 OR Wayne & Jean Dunn at 925-786-5750 jeandunn3222@yahoo.com for a registration form).

Only 20 spots have been reserved so don't wait too long.

New Alfa Motorhome Paint Scheme....CnC Eck sent

Greetings all,

And trust everyone is staying warm enough....we sure are and need RAIN badly. Please find below some representative "artwork" on the new paint scheme for our Alfa.

The colors are all hues of **Green** and not Brown as it appears. The wording **SeeYa** will also be a dark **Green** and a **SeeYa** painted on the right side (above the curl) of the rear cap also. The darker green is Marine Corps green. Note the Marine Corp emblem on the rear cap. It is being done by Mikes' Custom Painting. We will pick it up about September 6th.

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AlfaSeeYas Indio Pre-Rally

January 4 to 8, 2013, 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. Play a round of golf, or go shopping in downtown Palm Springs.. 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. Check out the May 2012 FMCA magazine article on this year’s 24th Annual Western Area Rally to get a feel of what it is all about. The Wagon Masters are Arnie and Emily Burr and Co-Wagon Masters are Jack and Jane Stanley.

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Pre Rally Includes

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

**1 catered breakfast
2 continental breakfasts
3 catered dinners**

Optional Tours: to be announced

Question & Answer session with the experts, Jon and Martin of Alfateers

Optional Golf: to be announced

Rally Agenda **STILL IN DRAFT FORM**

Friday, Jan 4, 2013 – Arrival Day

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

Saturday, Jan 5, 2013

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: to be announced or Free time
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Campground sponsored dinner followed by entertainment

Sunday, Jan 6, 2013

7:30 – 9 am	Coffee and rolls
1 – 3 pm	Coach Walk
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Dinner on your own

Monday, Jan 7, 2013

7:30 – 9 am	Coffee and rolls
10 - 12 pm	Craft to be announced
? am - ? pm	Optional Golf: course and time to be arranged

4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Campground sponsored dinner

Tuesday, Jan 8, 2013 **Departure Day -**

7:30 am	Line up to caravan to FMCA Rally at Indio Fairgrounds
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