



# SeeYa Connection

Newsletter for our FMCA Chapter

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## President's Message

~ By Randy Scott ~ [rscott@antelecom.net](mailto:rscott@antelecom.net)

Happy New Year - it's hard to believe it is already 2014 ! We sure hope you all had an enjoyable and safe Holiday Season in 2013, and that your travel plans for 2014 include your use of your Alfa !

Terry and I continued on our trip (as we had described the start in our last newsletter) to a number of memorable locations, including Charlotte, NC, Nashville and Memphis, TN, Louisville, KY, Fort Worth, TX, and Albuquerque, NM. In all, we traveled over 6 months, over 11,000 miles, through 22 US States and 3 Canadian Provinces ! Even though we don't have an actual "bucket list", during this trip we did "check off" many items we had always wanted to do and see - such as tours of Niagara Falls, visiting cities such as Chicago, Boston and New York, visiting the NASCAR speedway and several team garages in Charlotte, NC (which included Richard Petty stopping his car and saying "Hello" to me !), and Elvis' Graceland in Memphis, TN. I would encourage all of you to "get out there" and see the many great locations and sights we have in the USA and Canada !

We recently had our annual Chapter pre-rally in Palm Desert, CA and many of us caravanned over to the FMCA Western Area Rally - thank

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you to Larry York for volunteering to write an article for our newsletter. During our chapter pre-rally, we held our annual chapter business meeting; and we made a deposit with the folks at the Emerald Desert Resort in Palm Desert to again hold our annual pre-rally there in January 2015. We were very fortunate to have a number of our chapter members again help with the FMCA Western Area Rally by volunteering to monitor seminars. At the Western Area Rally, FMCA President Charlie Adcock held the President's seminar, which a number of

us attended. Charlie stated that FMCA was in a better financial position than in the past, and that he personally would like to have FMCA Assist (or a similar program) reinstated as a free benefit with FMCA membership (as a number of members dropped out after the decision was made several years ago to exclude it due to FMCA's dire financial straits at that time). An FMCA committee is studying it and he hoped that results would be provided in time to have a vote at the governing meeting during the August 2014 FMCA Rally. He also informed us that FMCA recently was able to extend the member benefit for purchasing Michelin tires to sizes suitable for autos and Type B & C motor homes; and emphasized volunteerism is what enables FMCA and its chapters to operate - including the need for volunteers for the 2014 Redmond Rally. Charlie also announced that the FMCA rally in March 2015 will be in Pomona, CA (a location that many members have requested for several years), the Summer 2015 FMCA Rally will be in Madison, WI, and they are now looking at potential locations for the March 2016 Rally - to include locations in Texas - if that state's Dept. of Motor Vehicles will allow sales of motorhomes at the rally.

Upcoming events of importance to our members include the FMCA National Rally in Perry, GA to be held March 17-20, 2014, and the national rally in Redmond, OR to be held August 13-16, 2014. We are currently looking at the possibility of having an AlfaSeeYas Chapter pre-rally to the Redmond FMCA rally and then caravanning over and parking together at the FMCA rally - we will provide more information once we finalize it. Since

our Chapter National and Alternate Directors will be unable to attend the Governing Board meeting at the Redmond FMCA rally, I was asked and elected during our Chapter annual business meeting in January, to represent our chapter at that Governing Board meeting.

As I mentioned above about Charlie Adcock stressing the need for volunteers, we need volunteers to run for offices in our Chapter. To remind everyone, we have 6 elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director and Alternate National Director. All terms are for 2 years. Our current officers were all elected in January 2011, and re-elected in January 2013 - meaning by the next election they will all have served a total of 4 years. At our chapter business meeting in January, I asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee and/or to run in the election for officers. Unfortunately, I received none, so I will need to contact members to ask them to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer to run for an office in our Chapter, please respond to me directly. Our elections will be held towards the end of this calendar year, and ratified at our chapter annual business meeting in January 2015. Please consider running for an office - it is a very rewarding experience and you are able to shape the future of our Chapter.

As always, please feel free to contact me to suggest Chapter event sites, and especially if you would like to volunteer to be a wagon master. It is fun, we are able to provide help, and it is a great experience for

everyone involved !

Hope to see you at an upcoming event !

~~ Randy

### Editor's Note

By Jean Maddux

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Happy New Year to EVERYONE !!! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season.

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, started with the Alfa SeeYas pre-rally (pages 17 & 18) to the Western Area FMCA Rally, (pages 19 & 20). Larry York wrote a great article on both. The pre-rally is always FUN !!!

Four of our grandchildren from Santa Cruz, CA get a month off for the holidays. We got to spend three weeks with them and the other grandparents. First we spent Christmas in San Jose, New Years in Las Vegas, and the last week on BLM land in Yuma, AZ. We all had a great time. I think the "Highlite" for them, of the whole vacation was visiting the "Pawn Stars" shop in Las Vegas !! They watch the show on TV and were hoping to see the actors (which are there sometimes), sadly they were not there. The kids were impressed and talked about it the most.

Here's hoping all of you in the Northern and Midwest of the country where it has been extremely COLD, have left the area or if not were able to stay warm with no problems. It

seems the warmest part of the country is in AZ.

We like to stay on the BLM land just north of Yuma, for about 6 weeks. I have noticed there are not very many people here this year. Maybe they couldn't get here because of the bad weather...OR...maybe right now as I am writing this, they are all in Quartzsite!

Quartzsite is the "happening" place January & February.. People come from all over and stay out on the desert either alone or with their favorite groups.

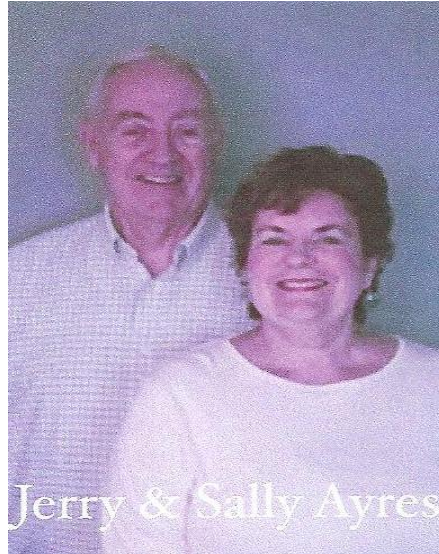
Quartzsite started as a 'Rockhound's Paradise' in the early 1960's. Now it is a huge event taking place every year. The biggest attractions start with the GIANT "Rock, Gem & Mineral Show" & the "BIG RV" tent, which is loaded with vendors of all kinds. You can buy anything you might or might not need. On the other side of I-10 is a GIANT Garage Sale. Again people come from all over to sell their stuff. You never know what you will find.

So as the New Year begins, I hope you are able to go out and find some new adventures for yourselves. If you find something you feel is something we all would love to experience, please, please let me know so I can see it for myself and/or to tell everyone about it.

The most important thing is to stay healthy and have fun.

"Happy Trails"

~~Jean



Hello from your INTO Senior Vice President.....

As the chapter president of one of our INTO chapters, there are several things I want to report. The International (INTO) Area is going to have their next rally called "Spring INTO Tennessee" starting on May 2, 2014 at Lebanon, Tennessee. Registration is now available on the FMCA web site.

We are going to have several unique presentations to help chapters. The first full day, we will have a seminar for Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents. That seminar will be presented by FMCA President, Charlie Adcock. The hour and a half presentation will be filled with information you can use in your chapter's future. A second presentation will be for chapter secretaries provided by our National Secretary, Vicky Ferrari and to finish out the first day, a third presentation will be provided for chapter treasurers by our new National Treasurer, Percy Bell. There will not be restriction to any of these seminars but certainly chapter officers will get first seating.

Secondly, FMCA has declared the year 2014 is the year for Chapter Officers. Not only are we going to have seminars for chapter officers as outlined above, but Chapter Presidents and National Directors will have priority parking right next to most of our activity. FMCA will be sending you cards to put in your windshield so you get this assignment. If you prefer to park with your chapter just don't put your card in the window. We are going to be delighted to have chapter officers at our rally. Welcome !

We will have a chapter fair. If your chapter desires to have a display and seek out new members, please call our chapter vice president, Dave Piper @ 405-833-8471 or email him



at [dfpiper@gmail.com](mailto:dfpiper@gmail.com) and reserve a table for your chapter.

You probably have noticed that FMCA forwards the INTO Newsletter to you and your chapter secretary. It is meant for your reading pleasure and hopefully, you forward it to your members so that they will be informed of INTO activities. We just changed our web site address to: [into.fmca.com](http://into.fmca.com). That address of three words and two periods automatically activates our web site. If you have the old address, no harm. In fact, a minority of computer rejects the new address and therefore in those cases, please continue using the old web site address. This new address just makes it easier to get to our web site.

Lastly, Al Vormittag has decided not to rerun for the office of INTO President in 2014. I am very honored to have Al's support in my bid as INTO's next President. I would be very grateful if you also supported me for that position. I hope to see you at Brooksville and/or Perry but certainly hope you can make it to INTO's next rally at Lebanon, Tennessee in May 2014! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone @913-306-1442 or email [mrkscb@aol.com](mailto:mrkscb@aol.com).

Sincerely,

Jerry Ayres, Sr. Vice President  
Lebanon Wagon Master  
International Area  
FMCA

**Note from Randy Scott:** None of our AlfaSeeYas chapter officers will be able to attend this INTO Rally. If one or more of our members is able to attend, we would really appreciate you representing our chapter and taking notes. Please contact Randy if you are willing and able to do so. "Thanks so much"

RV'ing is all about having FUN !!!

SOMETIMES  
I PRETEND TO BE  
NORMAL..  
BUT IT GETS BORING....  
SO I GO BACK TO BEING ME.



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!

Tom & Charlene Card

Michael & Kimberly Fowler

Konrad & Jamie Stroh

## AlfaSeeYas Officers & Other Volunteers

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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](mailto:dickalbritton@gmail.com)

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

Follow Alfateers on Twitter & Like us on Facebook

Charlie's Service, Sunset, UT (801) 773-1193 website <http://www.charliesservice.com>

Like us on Facebook

Ewing RV Repair, Summerdale, AL (251) 508-3102 email [ewingrvrepair@gmail.com](mailto:ewingrvrepair@gmail.com)

Bretz RV, Missoula, MT (406) 541-4800 website [www.bretzrv.com](http://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](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 Motor Coach Association: [www.fmca.com](http://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 Alfa Owners:**

[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

[Sun Risers](#) - Eastern United States

[Lonestars](#) - Texas

[Alfa One](#) - Southern California

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

March 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - FMCA'S 89<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase  
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, Georgia

April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - Rocky Mountain Ramble  
San Juan County Fairgrounds, McGee Park, Farmington, New Mexico

May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - INTO Area Rally, International Area  
James E. Ward Agricultural & Community Center, Lebanon, Tennessee

June 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - Great Lakes Area Rally  
Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana

July 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 - Northeast Area Rally  
Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction, Vermont

August 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 FMCA's 90<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase  
Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, Redmond, Oregon

August 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Midwest Area Rally,  
Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, Nebraska

September 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Eastern Area Rally  
Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, Asheville, North Carolina

October 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 South Central Area Rally  
State Fair of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana



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

Contact Mel Kirkland at [Mel\\_Kirkland@msn.com](mailto:Mel_Kirkland@msn.com) OR call (360) 666-1621 (360)-991-7436 for information and a registration packet on all outings.

**'PRE' ANNUAL 2014 ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY**

Dates: April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Location: Palm Creek RV & Golf Resort, 1110 N. Henness Rd., Casa Grande, Arizona

Wagon Masters: Mel & Judy Kirkland and  
Gary & Gladys Drummond

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

**2014 ANNUAL ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY**

Dates: April 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Location: Palm Creek RV & Golf Resort, 1110 N. Henness Rd., Casa Grande, AZ

Wagon Masters: Mike & Lorraine Lynch

Assistant Wagon Masters: Marvin & Marian Grier and Jack & Terri Sedio

**MAY**

Dates: May 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Location: Olde Stone Village RV Park, McMinnville, OR

Wagon Masters: Larry & Shirley Shilley and Steve & Darlene Wright

**JULY**

Dates: July 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Location: 7 Feathers RV Park, Canyonville, OR

Wagon Masters: Duane & Karyn Chebul and Larry & Shirley Shilley

**SEPTEMBER**

Dates: September 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Location: Eagle Tree RV Park, Poulsbo, WA

Wagon Masters: Randy & Cheryl Fabian, Bruce & Barbara Inselman and  
Warren & Betty Withers

**SOUTH LOAFERS CHAPTER OUTINGS****'PRE' ANNUAL 2014 ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY**

Dates: April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Location: Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort, 1110 N. Henness Rd., Casa Grande, Arizona

Wagon Masters: Jim & Vonnie Beard and Jon & Barbara Zedekar

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

**2014 ANNUAL ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY**

Dates: April 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Location: Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort, 1110 N. Henness Rd., Casa Grande, AZ

Wagon Masters: Mike & Lorraine Lynch

Assistant Wagon Masters: Marvin & Marian Grier and Jack & Jerri Sedio

**JUNE**

Wagon Master Needed

**AUGUST**

Wagon Master Needed

**OCTOBER**

Dates: October 28<sup>th</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

Location: Far Horizons 49ers Village Resort, 18265 State Highway 49, Plymouth, CA 95669

Wagon Masters: David & Judy Sabol and Jim & Vonnie Beard

**ROADRUNNERS CHAPTER OUTING****'PRE' ANNUAL 2014 ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY**

Dates: April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Location: Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort, 1110 N. Henness Rd., Casa Grande, Arizona

Wagon Masters: Joe Hughes & Val Nelsen

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

**2014 ANNUAL ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY**

Dates: April 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Location: Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort, 1110 N. Henness Rd., Casa Grande, AZ

Wagon Masters: Mike & Lorraine Lynch

Assistant Wagon Masters: Marvin & Marian Grier and Jack & Jerri Sedio

### Alfa Owners Breakfast, Mesa AZ

The Mesa Alfa Owners breakfasts will start Saturday morning December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9 am at the **Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Rd., Mesa, AZ.** (located on the corner of Power Rd & McKellips with plenty of parking. Their phone # 480-985-6793.

The scheduled dates for 2014 are February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information email John at: [jfilipczak@grantsburgtelcom.net](mailto:jfilipczak@grantsburgtelcom.net) OR call John 612-965-5762

If you plan to attend, please call John so we can have a head count and let the restaurant know. Also, please wear your Alfa name badges.

~~John & Myrna

### Alfa Owners' Breakfast in Yuma Foothills, AZ

Every second Monday of the month from November thru April, Alfa owners in the Yuma area meet for breakfast. All Alfa owners are welcome to attend. The next get-together of the Alfa Owners will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 8:30 AM

**Mi Fajita Restaurant, 11375 Foothills Blvd., Yuma, AZ**

~~Dan & Jenny Sheppard

## ALFA MOTORHOMES FOR SALE

### 2004 Alfa Seeya 40' \$60,000

As we have settled down after 10 wonderful years on the road in our Alfa, we regretfully are selling 'Big Al'. If you know of someone looking for a motorhome ready to go, please contact us.

Nelson and Joann Towle Seeya #72144

Email: [Ntowle1@aol.com](mailto:Ntowle1@aol.com) OR Call 941-356-5081

### 2008 Seeya So Long \$120,000

For sale or trade (for a small house in Yuma area), model 1014, super slide (26ft), 360 Cummings engine, 30,000 miles. Cherry wood interior, split bath, walk in pantry, full body paint, new leveling system installed 12/2013. Transferable warrenty good till 2016. Imaculate and well maintained. Non smoker. Located in Yuma, AZ

Call: Cal Forrester 907-299-1218 Email: [captcal@xyc.net](mailto:captcal@xyc.net)

JUST A REMINDER  
DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING FOR THE AOC RALLY  
FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

# SOLD

Too late to put anything here.

## Still For Sale

2003 Alfa See Ya, 38'. Has 6 new tires, new main slide-out awing, new rubber roof, new rear back-up camera. Following items have been replaced or added, all batteries, Koni shocks, safe T steering control, Freightliner super steer and motion control units on front and units on front and rear axles.

Asking \$60,000 or best reasonable offer. The Alfa is located in Canadian Lakes, MI

Call John Pondell at 231-972-4306 Email: [jpondell@centurytel.net](mailto:jpondell@centurytel.net)

## STILL FOR SALE PRICE REDUCED Now \$105,000

2006 Alfa See Ya 40' 12,000 miles

Diesel Cat 350 engine, washer/dryer combo, 4 TV's, CB radio, three slides (all with new seals), new awnings over slides, new four door Norcold fridge, 2 new windshields, on board watering system, day/night shades, queen bed, & new roof. Extended warranty. May deal on our 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland prepared to tow. Must sell due to illness.

Gerald Toolson 307-690-3618 (cell) 702-346-0231 (home)  
175 Mesa Verde Trail  
Mesquite, NV 89027



The following **recipe** is a very old one. I recently had an opportunity to try it and just loved it. I think you will like it too. From Jean Maddux

### COPPER PENNIES

2 lbs carrots, sliced in 1/4 inch rounds. (About 4 1/2 cups) Cook carrots in small amount of water till just tender. about 8 to 10 minutes. Drain, and put in a bowl. Combine with:

1 medium onion sliced and separated into rings, and  
1 green pepper, cut into thin strips.

stir together: one 10 3/4 ounce can condensed tomato soup

3/4 c vinegar

1/3 c sugar

1/4 c olive oil, or other vege oil

1 t Worcestershire sauce

1 t prepared mustard

salt if desired.

Pour over veggies in bowl and stir. Cover and marinate overnight. keep refrigerated.

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### Danger of Disposing/Recycling 9 Volt Batteries

I did not know about the dangers of the disposing/recycling of 9 Volt batteries. Now I do and will be cautious. This video has important information about them.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSJH21WmALc>

(hold ctrl and click on the address)

### Heart Disease Is The Number One Killer Of Women

Heart Attack Signs in Women:

1. Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
2. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach
3. Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
4. Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness, and sudden extreme tiredness.
5. As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms.

today

The phone kids have today when they are six.



The phone my kids had when they were six.



The phone I had when I was six.



## QUICKIES

My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

**IF YOU'RE PREPPING A LOT OF CORN USE AN ELECTRIC KNIFE TO REMOVE THE KERNELS**



**YOU CAN ALSO USE A BUNDT CAKE PAN TO COLLECT THE CORN AND HELP HOLD THE COB AS YOU CUT**

We would like to introduce you to the **NEW**  
***'The Oaks at Sacred Rocks***  
***RV Park and Campground'***

We have a new owner, new name and a new look.

**New Rates:**

Daily Sites \$25.00

Rent a Trailer for \$75.00 a night

Weekly Sites \$175.00

New Cabins for rent coming soon.

Monthly Sites \$350.00

Rent our Bunkhouse or Clubhouse

Storage of your Rig \$75.00 per month

Rally Groups with 10 Rigs or more get our Clubhouse for FREE !!

Like us on Facebook and look out for upcoming events and specials

<https://www.facebook.com/theoaksatsacredrocksrvpark>

Hope you come and visit us soon and tell a friend. Help us spread the word about our new park.

Annette Legaspi

Phone # 619-766-4480

Email: [team@1000oakspark.com](mailto:team@1000oakspark.com)

The Oaks at Sacred Rocks RV Park & Campground

1331 Shasta Way

Boulevard, CA 91905

(Between El Centro & San Diego)

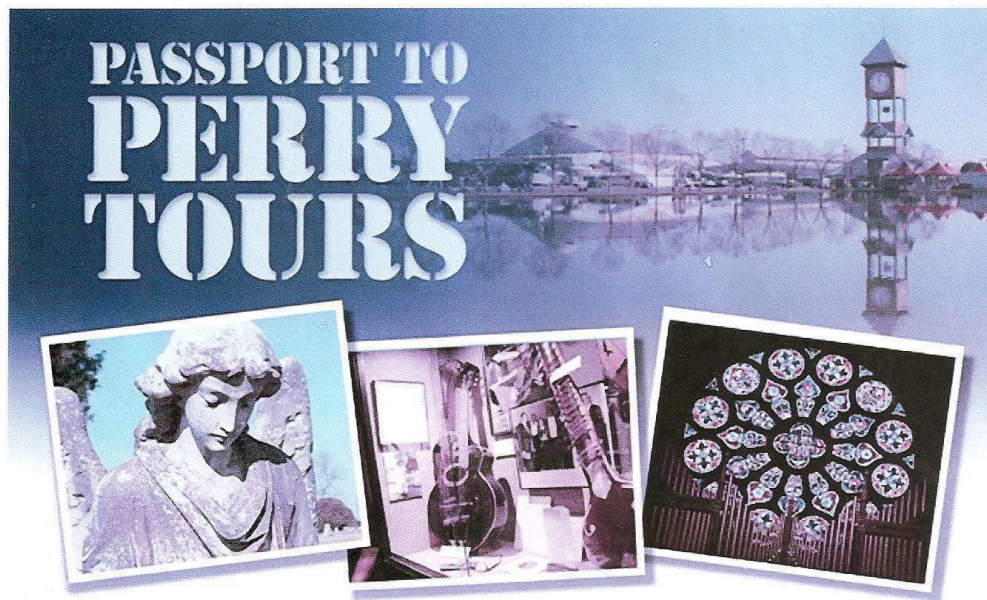
I am not a dog owner, so those of you who are, check this out.

**Fido's Tail Wags**

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A few years ago, researchers discovered a subtle difference in how dogs wag their tails. When a dog sees something positive, such as its owner, it tends to wag its tail more to its right. The wagging tends to go left when it sees something negative, like an unfamiliar dominant dog.





## Sign Up for Fabulous Perry Tours

Get to know the history, beauty, and heritage of Perry and nearby areas by registering for organized [tours](#) that will be offered during FMCA's 89th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase in Perry, Georgia, March 17 to 20, 2014.

Sit back and let the experts do the planning while you tour an Army base, military museums, historic homes, a vegetable farm, Southern music attractions, a biblical life artifacts gallery, and more.

[Sign up now!](#)

For all you  
Cat  
Lovers  
(like me)





### 2014 Alfa SeeYas Chapter Pre-Rally, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA

25 member coaches and three guest coaches were met by Larry & Shirley York and Dale & Diana Manners, our Wagon Masters, at the Emerald Desert RV Resort for the 2014 Chapter Pre-Rally.

Those attending were:

Bill and Dottie Ault	Dick and Virginia Brubaker
Arnie and Emily Burr	Hal and Karen Chase
Rick and Flo Dewitt (guests of the Yorks')	Doug and Wendy Ferguson
Tim and Joy Gilles (guests of the Burrs')	Bob and Barbara Goble
Ron and Marla Green	Tom and Lynn Handy
Bill and Anita Herrick	Roger and Kathy Hewlett
Larry and Patty Johnson	Bob and Mary Kermode
Ron and Andria Lee	Mike and Lorraine Lynch
Dale and Diana Manners	Charlie and Donna Musgrave
Ron and Linda Pearson	Ron Powell and Joyce Brown (guests of the Spencers)
Randy and Terry Scott	Vonis and Jo Spencer
Jack and Jane Stanley	Wayne and Kathy Taubman
Mel and Sue Terry	Larry and Shirley York
Norm and Lisa Young	Ray and Lori Zimmermann

By Friday afternoon, everyone had settled into their sites and were getting caught up on what others had done since we had last seen each other. That evening, we met at the main clubhouse for social hour and then had a "Boot Scootin BBQ" dinner followed by dancing to music by "Showdown".

Saturday morning we had "Muffins and Mimosas" by the pool sponsored by the Resort. Later that morning we held a Pre-Rally and Rally information meeting followed by our annual Chapter Meeting that was called to order by our President, Randy Scott.

After the Chapter Meeting, Jon and Martin of the Alfateers dropped by to give us a short presentation on maintenance issues/trends they are seeing at the shop. Of note, they have seen a number of coaches arriving with structural and cosmetic damage due to tire blowouts mostly due to tires that were more than seven years old. They stressed the importance of checking the date codes on our tires and replacing them if they are more than seven years old. They also opened the floor to questions.

That afternoon Diana Manners presented a "T-shirt Scarf" class.

Saturday evening, we met back at the main clubhouse for a social hour and then a “50’s and 60’s and sock hop” themed dinner of hamburgers, fries, root beer floats, and sundaes followed by dancing to music by Jerome Robinson (Second Generation Platters) and “Sax”.

Sunday was mostly an open day for folks to enjoy the great weather and sights in the area. The day started off with a Chapter hosted continental breakfast in the Emerald Court building. yesterday

Sunday afternoon we had a Rig Walk so that folks could check out what others had done to their coaches to improve them.

That evening, we met at the Emerald Court building for a social hour and then enjoyed a pot luck and “bring your own protein to grill” dinner. As with all pot lucks, we all ate way too much of the tasty food prepared by our fellow RVers. After dinner, 31 of us played a game of LRC with Ron Powell winning the \$90 pot. Not a bad return for \$3.00!

Monday was another laid back day. Some explored the area, while some played a round of golf, and others, just chilled out and enjoyed the warm sunshine. For those that were going to the FMCA Western Area Rally, this was the day to dump their holding tanks and fill their fresh water tank.

That morning, Linda Pearson hosted a cake decorating presentation.

Monday evening, we met at the main clubhouse for a social hour and a soup and salad bar followed by a few games of “Playing Card Bingo”. Several of our members were lucky enough to yell “BINGO” !!!

Tuesday morning was the time to say good bye to Emerald Desert RV Resort as 16 coaches caravanned to the Indio Fairgrounds for the FMCA Western Area Rally.

On a sad note, at the start of the Pre-Rally, Dick Brubaker suffered a fainting spell attributed to a problem with his pacemaker and was admitted to a local hospital for observation. By the end of the Pre-Rally, Dick was released and, except for bruised ribs he suffered from falling, was doing well. We continue to have him in our thoughts and prayers as he continues to sort out the issue with his pacemaker and his injuries.

~~ Larry York

### 2014 FMCA Western Area Rally, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Indio, CA

13 member coaches and three guest coaches caravanned from Emerald Desert RV Resort to the Indio Fairgrounds to attend the FMCA Western Area Rally along with approximately 1,100 other rigs.

Those attending were:

Bill and Dottie Ault	Larry and LeeDelle (guests of the Yorks)
Rick and Flo Dewitt (guests of the Yorks)	Doug and Wendy Ferguson
Ron and Marla Green	Wayne and Kathy Taubman
Bill and Anita Herrick	Roger and Kathy Hewlett
Ron and Andria Lee	Mike and Lorraine Lynch
Mel and Sue Terry	Ron Powell and Joyce Brown (guests of the Spencers)
Randy and Terry Scott	Vonis and Jo Spencer
Larry and Patty Johnson	Larry and Shirley York

In addition, Chapter members Ray and Lori Zimmermann, John and Myrna Filipczak, Dick and Virginia Brubaker, and John Kirk dropped by during the Rally to say “Hi” and visit awhile.

All who attended did a great job of supporting the local economy and the vendors as evident in the number of service vehicles that were in our area and the numerous bags they brought back to their coaches.

Several folks took the advice of Jon and Martin about checking the date codes on their tires and also took advantage of FMCA’s discount program with Michelin Tire by buying replacement tires for their rig. Of note: FMCA’s discount program has been extended to include car and trailer tires.

Most everyone checked out the many coaches on display, but came away hard pressed to say that they would trade for any of them due to the ceiling height, storage, and openness of our coaches.

We had 10 members of our chapter who volunteered to help with the rally (this rally had a total of about 800 volunteers who help put it on!) by monitoring seminars. Our chapter was assigned 28 seminars to monitor. And our volunteers learned interesting new information while doing so. Also, they were “treated” to dinner for all volunteers the night of our arrival.

The big surprise for those that had previously attended the Western Area Rally, was the exceptionally large sites we had. Previously, we were parked 'head in' with the electrical power cables running in front of our coaches, and had just enough room to park our tow vehicles between the coaches. This year, we were parked 'facing out' and our coaches were staggered which allowed plenty of room to park our tow vehicles between the coaches and still had room to sit outside our coaches. Plus, the electrical cables were at the back of the coaches, which negated having to use extension cords.

The real plus was that the weather was excellent every day, and the evenings required only a light jacket. This allowed us to get out of our rigs every evening to socialize and taste the treats provided by everyone.

Our annual pizza party was moved to Friday evening since several folks were leaving Saturday. Randy did a great job of ordering different pizzas that everyone enjoyed.

~~ Larry York

### Kudos for the Alfa

We went to the Cleveland RV show recently. It is amazing how 'futuristic' the Alfa design was. Whenever we visit a show we find ourselves always comparing our Alfa to what is available in other RV's. We have never found anything that compared to the Alfa. We have had 3 Alfa's over the years, the closest that we have found that could make us happy (**IF WE HAD TO GET RID OF OUR SOOLONG**), is a new one by Thor.

~~ Dave Johnson  
2007 Soolong #4591

We went to the Denver RV show last night, our observation was.....Alfa was miles ahead of the Times. The units we climbed into were 12 years newer and I wouldn't go into that kind of debt for the 'Junky' stuff that they are trying to pass off as quality. I will just continue to keep our Alfa in good running shape and enjoy it for years to come.

~~ Kirk & Mary Sausman  
2002 Alfa SeeYa #0414



**Deadline WAS 2/1/2014**  
**Alfateers says you can**  
**still request work.**  
**NO PROMISES**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

### Upgrades and Services Available

Rear Tail Light upgrade, improves visibility while towing (due to the location above tow vehicle)



Normal Price: \$475

Rally Price: \$375

(Picture shows only one light but packages include both lights and can be installed at any height)

Pump assisted rear radiator coolant fill... For those hard to fill radiators.



Normal Price: \$213

Rally Price: \$175

tomorrow

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<u>Small Slide-Out (7x7)</u>	<i>Normal price \$456</i>	<b>Rally special \$345</b>
<u>Medium Slide-Out (11x7)</u>	<i>Normal price \$562</i>	<b>Rally special \$425</b>
<u>Large Slide-Out (15x7)</u>	<i>Normal price \$632</i>	<b>Rally special \$500</b>
<u>Extra-Large Slide-out (20x7)</u>	<i>Normal price \$712</i>	<b>Rally special \$595</b>

**\*One room per customer unless we have time for all requests.**

**\*\*Black P-molding is currently used on most RV's slide out repairs. It is a new product and due to the color and the difference in the manufacturing process they expect this product to withstand the weather conditions better.**

Spot Seal as needed (Remove old silicone where cracked, Roof, Side walls or any Exterior area)     \$42.5 ( $\frac{1}{2}$  Hr) - \$85 (1Hr)  
Depending on time spent, and area sealed.

Roof seal complete: includes sealant removal, new sealant, and labor.  
Normal Price: \$975-\$1300  
Rally Price: \$825

Side Wall seal complete: includes sealant removal, new sealant, and labor.  
Normal Price: \$1200  
Rally Price: \$925

**\*While working outdoors we will do our best to plan seal jobs while wind conditions are ideal, but we are not responsible for wind blowing dirt or debris in sealant.**

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**still request work.**  
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Please come by our trailer for specials on too many items to list. If you would like a specific part, please call our parts department let them know you are going to the rally and save the cost of shipping.

**\*Cash, Check, OR CREDIT CARDS can be accepted\***

### Total Cost Work Sheet

Item Description	Cost
Roof Seal \$825	
Wall Seal \$925	
High Mount Tail Lights \$375	
P-molding	
Small Slide-Out (7x7) \$345	
Medium Slide-Out (11x7) \$425	
Large Slide-Out (15x7) \$500	
Extra Large Slide-Out (20x7) \$595	
Spot Seal $\frac{1}{2}$ Hr \$42.50 / 1 Hr \$85	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Mail this request to:  
**Attn: National Rally**  
**Alfateers Service Center, Inc.**  
**14620 Rancho Vista Dr.**  
**Fontana, CA 92335**

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### **Action RV Services**

All Action RV Service can be booked with Alfateers  
but will be billed and paid to Action RV.

**Water Heater Service:** 1 hour labor (\$80.), plus parts cost.

**Detail of Service:** Clean PC board contacts, replace igniter probe, blow out  
heat Chamber and replace ECO

**Refer Service:** 1 hour labor (\$80.), plus parts cost.

**Detail of Service:** Remove orifice and clean, check for fault codes, check all  
wires for loose connections, inspect door seal/gaskets for  
air leaks, blow out boiler tube.

**Furnace Service:** 1 hour labor (\$80.), plus parts cost.

**Detail of Service:** Blow out heat chamber, squirrel cage, and clean contacts.

\*Price for parts will vary per service.

Action RV will be bringing stove, water heater, and refrigerator parts, available  
for sale at rally.

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## Welcome to the 2014 Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally

### Mike & Lorraine Lynch-Rally Masters

### Marvin & Marian Grier and Jack & Jerri Sedio - Co-Assistant Rally Masters

#### "Fun in the Sun!"

Enclosed with this **information sheet** is a registration form for this year's Rally. This is what the fees consist of:

- Basic registration fee – covers two people per rig, includes two commemorative Rally patches per rig, a welcome packet, three catered meals, coffee and pastries each morning, an ice cream social, a wine and cheese tasting, a pet parade, door prizes, Chapter gift basket drawings and raffle prizes. Both of you can participate in Rally activities which include: craft classes (an additional fee may be collected at registration for specific classes), seminars, vendors, walks each morning, an open house/coach walk and yard sale, a used book sale (please bring your used books to donate to the sale), and a BBQ sponsored by Alfateers RV Service Center.
- Park fee – site rent for six nights with full hook ups. Note that this rate will be good for five days before and after the Rally provided the dates are attached to the Rally dates. If you wish to take advantage of these rates you will need to make those arrangements directly with Palm Creek Resort. Please note that you may have to move when the Rally starts or after it ends if the Resort has the site reserved for someone else.
- Optional fees:
  - Ladies Luncheon – lunch for one person, plus the opportunity to win a raffle prize.
  - Men's Luncheon - lunch for one person, plus the opportunity to win a raffle prize.
  - Non-Chapter Member – additional fee for attendees who are currently not members of one of the six Alfa Owners' Club Chapters. For those who join a Chapter before or during the Rally, we will refund this fee.
  - Additional people – additional fee for each person over the two who are registered for the Rally.
  - Extra 2014 Rally Patches – for those who would like additional Rally patches over the two that are included with your registration fee.

We will have two golf tournaments during the Rally. Arrangements are being made by Marvin Grier. One will be at the Palm Creek Executive Par 3 - 18 hole course and the other will be at Dave White Golf Course – a standard 18 hole course. These are both listed on the registration form. Several prizes will be awarded at the final dinner.

We plan on having vendors on site for rig/vehicle washes and waxes. We will have their contact information available at a later date. Alfateers RV Service Center will also be onsite to provide service and selected installations during the Rally. **Separate sign-up and information/price sheets will be sent to you at a later date for those that need service or want something new installed or replaced on their rig.** We urge you to sign-up as soon as you receive the forms as their work schedule gets full quickly.

In addition, we will have a special Prime Rib dinner with Las Vegas quality entertainment for only \$35.00 per person. This dinner will be held at the Park in the ballroom.

There are several offsite venues that are close by: The Promenade Shopping Mall is 1 mile away; SkyDive Arizona, for your participation or just observing, is approximately 15 miles; the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is



approximately 20 miles; the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society and Museum is in Old Town Main Street District; St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery is located in Florence, approximately 25 miles from Casa Grande.

### SPECIAL EVENT

## CAMP FREIGHTLINER IS COMING TO PALM CREEK!!

Camp Freightliner will conduct 3, 2 day classes just prior to the Annual Rally. Alfa Owners have priority registration until Nov. 1 at which time it will open up to other freightliner owners. The cost will be \$125 for single or \$225 for couples.

Contact Hal Chase at (408) 455-7765 or e-mail: [lgfire@me.com](mailto:lgfire@me.com) to register now.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Hal says the 3 classes are already full, but he is taking names with contact information and putting them on the 'In Case of Cancellation List' Please email Hal.

### OXY MORONS

Is it good if a vacuum really sucks ?

Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?

If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?

Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?

Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?

Why do "tug" boats push their barges?

Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?

Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

### Updated Info on the AOC Rally from Mike & Lorraine Lynch (Wagon Masters)

Happy New Year!! January is flying by and before you know it the Alfa Owners Annual Rally will be here. If you have not already registered, NOW is the time to do it. We currently have 40 registered - a good start ! Following is an update you need to know about the Rally. It will be held at the fabulous Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort in Casa Grande, AZ from 7-13 of April. **The registration deadline is February 13<sup>th</sup>**. This year's rally contains some unique things; Camp Freightliner will lead the event when Mike Cody will present three 2 day classes from March 31st to April 5<sup>th</sup>. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Mike Cody will host a question and answer forum for anyone wishing to attend - a great opportunity !! Several Alfa clubs are holding Pre Rallies between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The park will host a 'Pickle Ball' introduction class on April 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We have a great line up of seminars and vendors planned including Alfateers, Redlands Truck and RV, Mac the Fire Guy, Joe the Glass Guy (repairs fogged windows) and many others. Please contact Alfateers at 909-428-6775 or Joe at 602-505-3803 to schedule desired work. Palm Creek has a special "2 weeks for the price of one" for first timers to the park. Contact the park directly for more information. To facilitate parking, Palm Creek staff, request we unhook our towed vehicles before arrival. If coming from Tucson, there are truck stops before the intersection with Hwy 8. From Phoenix, there is a rest stop north of Casa Grande. There is also a shopping center to the east of Hwy 10 at Exit 194 where you can unhook. There are several vendors that will wash/wax rigs, provide interior cleaning and clean carpets. We are still looking for Alfa members with hidden talents - musical, comedy, skits etc. for a possible Variety Show. Contact Judy Sabol at 909-730-5114 or email [darlamae11@aol.com](mailto:darlamae11@aol.com) if you have talent to share. There will be shuttle service available during the Annual Rally to take you to and from activities at the main clubhouse. If you would like to rent a golf cart, we recommend you contact them early to set up delivery. The three rental places are Grand Valley Golf Carts 602-778-4561 (ask for Connie White), Golf Cars of Arizona 520-374-2620 (ask for Mark or Jeff), & Moore Golf Carts 520-426-0143.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Rally.**

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words  
Wednesday, Friday or Sunday ??

Answers (3) are within the newsletter somewhere !!!!

# Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally

## April 7 - 13(departure date), 2014

Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort  
1110 N Henness Rd  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122  
(800) 421-7004  
[info@palmcreekgolf.com](mailto:info@palmcreekgolf.com)

**Rally Masters**  
Mike & Lorraine Lynch  
(928) 710-3681 (Mike)  
(928) 772-3637 (Lorraine)  
[lorrainellynch@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainellynch@gmail.com)

**Co-Assistant Rally Masters**  
Marvin & Marian Grier  
(719) 339-3811  
[margriersr@gmail.com](mailto:margriersr@gmail.com)  
Jack & Jerri Sedio  
(216) 409-7756  
[jackandjerrifuntimes@yahoo.com](mailto:jackandjerrifuntimes@yahoo.com)

**The Alfa Annual Rally is for Alfa owners only, Alfa unit must be on site.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter you want to park with \_\_\_\_\_

Type & Size Alfa: 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Motor Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Rig: \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: (2 people per Alfa unit)		\$	155.00
Park fee:	\$35.00 per night X 6	\$	210.00
*Non-Chapter Member Fee:	\$25.00 per rig	\$	_____
**Extra People:	\$70.00 ea X _____	\$	_____
Extra Rally patches	\$5.00 ea. X _____	\$	_____
Ladies Luncheon Wed. Apr 9	\$14.00 ea X _____	\$	_____
Men's Luncheon Wed. Apr 9	\$14.00 ea X _____	\$	_____
Prime Rib dinner & Las Vegas type Entertainment			
On Site Tues. Apr 8	\$35.00 ea X _____	\$	_____
Golf @ Palm Creek Sat. Apr 12			
Par 3 course - walking only 9 holes	\$14.00 X _____	\$	_____
18 holes is optional	\$19.00 X _____	\$	_____
Golf @ Dave White Golf Course Thurs. Apr 10			
Standard course, cart included, 18 holes	\$40.00 X _____	\$	_____
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>_____</b>

**Please send your check  
for the total amount due,  
payable to:**

**Mike or Lorraine Lynch  
(include "2014 AOC Rally"  
on the memo line) with  
the completed  
registration form to:**

**Mike & Lorraine Lynch  
1110 N Henness Road  
#966  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122**

There will be **NO** shortened stay or reduced fee **on the Rally Registration Form**. If you wish to arrive early or depart late, the Rally Rate per night applies to 5 days before and after the Rally as long as the dates are attached to the rally dates. You must make all extended dates and arrangements directly with the Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort.

Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally is a Social Event hosted by the Alfa Owners' Club. **Attendees must stay at the resort in an Alfa RV.**

Alfa Owners' Club **REFUND** Policy: Rally Master shall, upon request, refund money's to individual requesting it, providing moneys have not been disbursed.

**SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY**

We agree that we will not hold the Alfa Owners' Club, its Chapters, nor any officer or agent, responsible for any personal or property injury of any kind, which we or any member of our family or guest(s) may suffer during the Rally. This agreement applies regardless of the cause of the injury, and includes, without limiting it, whether said injury is caused by a condition of the premises, another club member or any other person. We make this agreement in consideration of the expenses that the Alfa Owners' Club and its Chapters incur by holding the Rally for our benefit, and recognize that in signing this paper we are waiving a legal right to recover damages.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any dietary restrictions and/or special needs below.

**\*Fee will be reimbursed by the Rally Master if you join an AOC Chapter before or during the Rally.**

**\*\* Please list names of extra people below (for purpose of name tags).**