



# SeeYa Connection

Newsletter for our FMCA Chapter

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## President's Message

~ By Ray Zimmerman ~ [rayzman89@gmail.com](mailto:rayzman89@gmail.com)

Since this is my first newsletter message as your new chapter president, I think a few words of introduction are in order. My wife Lori and I live in Tempe, Arizona during the six or so months a year that we are not on the road. I retired after 25 years in the U.S. Air Force and subsequently worked 10 years at the City of Tacoma, Washington. I retired for good in 2005 and, after spending a couple of winters in Arizona as snowbirds, we moved there permanently in 2008. We have owned our 2006 Alfa SeeYa Founder since new and joined the AlfaSeeYas in 2012. One of the things we love most about motorhoming is visiting with old friends and making new ones, and that's what attracted us to FMCA and the AlfaSeeYas.

My next order of business is to express deep gratitude -- on behalf of the chapter -- to the outgoing officers who worked so hard for your chapter during the last four years. It was my pleasure to present certificates of appreciation and gift cards to them at our recent meeting held during the Alfa Owners Club Rally in Casa Grande, Arizona. Many thanks to Randy Scott - President; Mike Stinson - Vice President; Kathleen Stinson - Treasurer; Terry Scott - Secretary; Mike Lynch - National Director; and Larry York -

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Alternate National Director. We also presented certificates and gift cards to Jean Maddux - Newsletter Editor and Tony Monson - Web Master. Although Jean and Tony are remaining in their voluntary positions (for a long time, I hope!), we wanted to recognize and thank them for the dedicated service they provide to the chapter.

Shifting gears from the past to the future, I would like to ask a favor of all AlfaSeeYas members. I would like you to send me your ideas on what you would like to see your chapter do to promote more interaction among members.

Should we schedule more rallies or other types of get-togethers and, if so, what kind? As a chapter with several hundred members located throughout the US and Canada, we have a challenge not faced by the typical chapter whose members reside in a common geographic area. Most of our members have never met each other. For the past few years, our primary activity has been the Palm Desert, California pre-rally prior to the FMCA Western Area rally. We had other pre-rallies scheduled in Pennsylvania in 2013 and Oregon in 2014 which were cancelled for lack of interest.

When I became chapter president, I inherited the chapter archives. I learned from the files that in earlier years of the chapter there were successful rallies at NASCAR races, the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, Branson, MO and other locations. Would you like to see these kinds of activities in the future? Would you enjoy the chance to attend a fun activity while socializing with fellow Alfa owners? Please send me your thoughts, ideas, suggestions to: [rayzman89@gmail.com](mailto:rayzman89@gmail.com). I would really like to hear from you.

Lori and I are currently on a four-month trip through the Midwest, and one of our stops was the entertainment capital of Branson. We checked out several RV parks as potential rally sites and what we found was promising. I've included more details in a separate article in this newsletter.

We will be attending several FMCA events in the Midwest and we would like to meet any AlfaSee-

Yas members who might also be there. Our schedule includes:

- Great Lakes Area Rally, Goshen, IN - June 3-7
- Freightliner Chassis Owners (FCOC) Club Rally, Amana Colonies, IA - July 20-24. (The FCOC is no longer an FMCA Chapter, but we know several AlfaSeeYas belong to it).
- FMCA Family Reunion, Madison, WI - July 29 - August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please e-mail me if you plan to be at any of these events, and we will arrange a get-together. To find out more information or sign up, go to [fmca.com](http://fmca.com) or [fcocrv.org](http://fcocrv.org).

I hope to be able to meet many of you, either at one of the above events or somewhere else along the road. Until then, enjoy your rigs and travel safely.

~~ Ray

### Editor's Note

By Jean Maddux

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Some people have contacted me to ask if their membership has lapsed because they have not received a newsletter for a while. Well the answer is no.....I just haven't sent one out since last December. I am soooo sorry !! My main excuse was the Alfa Owners Club (AOC) National Rally. There were

four couples working on this Rally for a year. The closer it got the more hectic it got. I have heard many good comments about the AOC...I believe it was a success. There were 106 rigs and one third were first timers. That was a GREAT turn out !!

Our Rally again was at the beautiful Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort in Casa Grande, AZ. The people there are so nice and very accommodating. They helped so much. Only problem we did have, was many of the winter residents had left already so some of the classes we were hoping to have, were not available. We were still able to keep everyone busy.

One of the new things we had that was a big hit...The RV Driving School. Many women went to the seminar "You Can and Should Drive the RV". And many women took the driving lessons. When they came back from their lessons and parked the rig, you could see the smiles on their faces. They were so proud and felt accomplished. They REALLY could drive the RV !! One thing the instructor (Alfa Owner Dan Sheppard), tells you...."You have to have seat time to keep your confidence up". In my case, my husband worries that he will never get to drive again!!

Mike Cody with Freightliner gave two 2-day seminars. It is a very popular seminar with both men & women.

Mac the Fire Guy was there again. He always gives a good seminar and demonstration on how to get out of your RV in case of fire.

Well worth seeing his seminars. I have seen them many times, hopefully the information will stay in my brain if I ever need to use it !!

There were several Travel Talks...going on your own or in a caravan. We had a talk on the Maritimes from Mike & Lorraine Lynch, a talk on the Rockies from Jim & Becky Godfrey, Mexico mainland from Tom & Maureen Mathison, and The Baja from Jean & Jerry Maddux and Alaska & Adventure Caravans from Bruce & Corrine Mitchel. All good talks.

Dinner and Entertainment Night was also a big hit. We had a very talented "Jazz Ensemble". All five members of the group are Music Professors from the Arizona College and other places. They get together and perform for various groups. They did a fantastic job and everyone loved them.

There were several Tech Talks. They are always popular. Alfateers President Jon Goldstein gave a tech talk and there was standing room only !!! Jon and his crew are very knowledgeable and helpful. They are very nice and easy to work with. They can fix anything. And we want to keep them busy !!

Jon and his crew, cooked a wonderful BBQ, hamburgers, hot dogs & all the fixins and sides. I think we all stuffed ourselves !!

When it comes to prizes....Jon out does himself. This year he gave away a very

nice TV upgrade, a HUGE Safe, a wine cooler, 2 laptops, and 2 \$500 gift cards. He treats us so good. No one treats us better.

At the Welcome Dinner, Ladies Luncheon, Men's BBQ, and the Farwell Dinner, there were lots & lots of prizes for the winners of the drawings. Which made a lot of lucky winners very happy.

There were so many other things going on that I just can't name them all.

So if you have never been to an AOC before or it has been a long time since you were at one, you really should go to the next one (if we have one). So far we do not have any one signed up to be the Rally Master for 2016. If you would be interested please let your Chapter President or Randy Scott know Alfateers is offering a \$500 incentive to the first person to sign up to be Rally Master !!! Nice.

The East Coast and now the Mid-West have been getting such terrible weather, I sure hope it didn't affect our members too badly.

Summer is coming on quick, hopefully you all have wonderful events planned and please travel safe.

Happy Trails

~~ Jean

### "The Chicken Gun" True Story

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4 pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea was to simulate the not-so-uncommon incidents involving collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains.

Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel. It crashed into the shatterproof (??) shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of their experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the US scientists for suggestions.

NASA responded with a one-line instruction: "DEFROST THE CHICKEN" !!

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

## Report on the Jan 2015 Chapter Pre-Rally and FMCA Western Area Regional Rally

By Randy Scott

This year, once again we had our AlfaSeeYas pre-rally (prior to the FMCA Western Area Rally) at the Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert, CA. Our pre-rally ran from Fri Jan 2 to Tues Jan 6, 2015. Wagon masters Ray and Lori Zimmermann, along with great help from co-wagon master's Ron and Linda Pearson, did a great job of preparing, organizing, arranging, and ensuring we all had a good time! Everyone joined in to make it another very successful AlfaSeeYas Chapter function! Friday was arrival day – we had a total of 11 Alfas attend--which was lower than the last number of years, but we figured it was primarily due to the dates of the Western Area Rally in Indio--which made our pre-rally start on Jan 2. This may have been just too close to the holidays for a lot of our folks. At the end of my write-up, I'll explain what we propose to do for our chapter rally for 2016.

Friday night we had a catered dinner and introductions of all attendees. Saturday morning we had our annual Chapter Business Meeting, at which we introduced the current chapter officers in attendance (myself, and Terry Scott), as well as our other officers (Mike and Kathleen Stinson, Mike Lynch and Larry York), chapter webmaster Tony Monson and Chapter Newsletter Editor Jean Maddux - who were unable to attend. We also introduced our new chapter members in attendance: Martin and Penny Kennedy. We presented a treasurer's report, as our chapter treasurer was unable to attend the pre-rally - showing that our chapter is very healthy financially. We also reviewed chapter activities for the previous year of 2014 - including attending the FMCA Governing Board meeting in Redmond, OR in Aug 2014 - at which it was noted that FMCAssist was voted to be put back as a no-cost feature of FMCA membership! Overall, we welcomed 18 new chapter members in 2014, while losing 27 (due primarily to folks who no longer owning an Alfa) for a total membership roster of 356 members at the end of 2014. It was also noted that we have a number of chapter members with dues greater than 120 days in arrears, whom our new chapter president will be contacting.

Our primary meeting agenda item was the election of chapter officers for the period of 2015-2017. Randy explained the result of the votes received for the election: of the 366 ballots sent out, 56 were returned, and all voted for the slate of officers on the ballot. A motion was made at the meeting to accept the slate as presented and the motion passed unanimously. The new chapter officers elected for a 2-year term are: Ray Zimmermann as President, Randy Scott as Vice President, Diana Manners as Secretary, Lori Zimmermann as Treasurer, Larry York as National Director and Dale Manners as Alternate National Director. A motion was made and seconded, and unanimously passed, for the current Chapter Secretary to prepare whatever paperwork is required (e.g., meeting minutes, a letter, plus the form to be submitted to FMCA listing the new chapter officers) to be presented to the bank Lori Zimmermann will choose for the chapter funds. Our thanks go out to all our now prior chapter officers for serving two terms, plus thanks go out to those who agreed to run and have now been elected for the upcoming term! We then discussed the upcoming Chapter and other activities--including those at Quartzsite and Phoenix, AZ, Pomona, CA, and Casa Grande, AZ. At the end of our meeting, we had a drawing

at which Jack Stanley won a 2-year extension to their membership, and Ron Pearson won a \$40 Camping World gift card. After the business meeting, we had a question/answer session with Alfateers representatives Jon and Martin. As always, lots of good information was shared by all. One of the primary benefits of members getting together is the “cross-talk” of questions/answers and “how to” information amongst all Alfa owners!

During the pre-rally, we were provided with morning snacks and beverages, had our evening social hours, and had a chapter cookout (everyone brought a side dish to share, as well as something to grill). We've done a cookout the last several chapter rallies, and it is always fun - especially crowding around the grills to make sure everything is cooked (and ends up with the correct "eaters" too!). On Sunday, a number of us went to the local College of the Desert Street Fair, and others took advantage of the time using the list of local shopping and things to do provided by our wagon masters.

Tuesday morning “bright and early” (at 7:30 am!) we caravanned to the FMCA Western Area Rally site at the nearby Indio fairgrounds. Ray had done a great job of preparing maps and briefing everyone, so we all got there on time and in a group. We had a total of 3 Alfas go who had attended the pre-rally (the Scotts, the Aults and the Lassiters), plus one more (the Mitchells) who met us at the park, so we were able to park together at the Western Area Rally site. By arriving at Indio a day early, in addition to getting a good area to park in, we are able to get all our registration materials well in advance to start planning what rally activities and events we wanted to attend. As we had done the last several years, we asked our chapter attendees if they would like to volunteer to help at the Western Area Rally (all of these types of rallies are put on primarily by volunteers) - and we had 6 of our folks do so. We attended a volunteer meeting that afternoon and a volunteer dinner that night, and then acted as seminar monitors (for about 4-5 seminars each) along with several other chapters during the rally. It was enjoyable, did not take a lot of time, and felt good to help out. The FMCA Rallies are always a lot of fun, with many activities, seminars and entertainment scheduled. On Wed (the actual start date of the Rally), we had another Alfa coach show up and park next to us! Turns out it was Leigh and Suzanne Conner - who had been asked by the parking attendants when they arrived if they would like to park near some other Alfas, and they said yes! They rejoined the AlfaSeeYas chapter while there too! We all had several social hours in the area near our coaches.

Again, thanks so much to the Zimmermann's and the Pearson's for putting on another great Chapter pre-rally! As previously mentioned, we are looking to do it a bit differently next year. Since we normally schedule our Chapter pre-rally starting the week prior to the Western Area Rally, and next year the Western Area Rally will be held Jan 6-10, 2016, it would mean we would have to start our AlfaSeeYas Chapter pre-rally for folks to travel and arrive on Jan 1. We felt this would mean even fewer of our folks would be able to attend, so we decided to reserve the Emerald Desert RV Park for us to hold a Chapter post-rally instead. Therefore, we will plan on meeting at a nearby location (likely one of the several nearby casinos in the Indio area) on Jan 4 (the day before we would go into the Western Area Rally). We will stay overnight in their parking lot dry camping (this is what many of the attendees heading to the Western Area Rally

do also), and go in to the Western Area Rally on Jan 5 (a day early as we usually do). Those not wanting to dry camp the night before can meet us as we enter the Western Area Rally site (as we have done in the past). Then, on Sun Jan 10 (the day everyone departs Indio), we will caravan over to the Emerald Desert RV Park for a chapter post-rally from Sun Jan 10 to Friday Jan 15, 2016. That way, folks who are intending to go on to Quartzsite will be able to do so - as the "Big Tent" RV Show starts on Sat Jan 16, 2016.

So far, we do not have volunteers to be wagon masters for our Chapter post-rally in 2016, and would very much like to have some soon! We have a wealth of data and budgets from past pre-rallies, and the Emerald Desert RV Resort is very willing to work with us to make sure we have a successful one! Please contact any of our officers if you have questions, and especially if you are ready to volunteer. We hope you will attend our chapter post-rally in 2016, and also consider attending the FMCA Western Area Rally in Indio with us!

### January 2016 Rally/Post-Rally

Next year our January chapter event in Palm Desert, California will be a POST-rally rather than a pre-rally to the FMCA Western Area that we have had for the past several years. The Western Area Rally in Indio is scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, so a pre-rally would have to start on New Year's Day. We have booked the Emerald Desert RV Resort for a *post-rally* from January 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (five nights). This will dove-tail nicely with the start of the "BIG TENT" RV show in Quartzsite, Arizona on January 16<sup>th</sup>, which we know is a favorite destination for many of you. We are still planning to arrive at the Western Area Rally as a group and will probably form up at one of the nearby casinos on the day we go in. More information will come later. Also, we are **still looking for post-rally wagon masters**. Let me know ([rayzman89@gmail.com](mailto:rayzman89@gmail.com)) if you would like to volunteer. The folks at the Emerald Desert park are great to work with and we can provide you the files from past rallies to serve as a guide for most everything you need to know.

"TODAY is the oldest you've ever been, and the youngest you'll ever be again."  
Eleanor Roosevelt

## INTO Area Rally - Tallahassee, Florida - April 2016

Our AlfaSeeYas Chapter is part of the International (INTO) Area of the Family Motor Coach Association. It was recently announced that the 15<sup>th</sup> International Area Rally will be held next April in Tallahassee, Florida. This rally - a "Capital Experience" - will start on April 15<sup>th</sup>, tax day and end April 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be early arrival parking which allows large and small groups to come on the grounds early and take advantage of seeing the sights around Tallahassee. This also affords people the opportunity to just relax and have fun with one another before the festivities of the rally consume all your time. There will be 30 & 50 amp electric with water. Two dump stations or you may elect to be pumped out. As usual for INTO rallies, there will be three breakfasts, three nights of entertainment, vendor booths, display coaches, women's luncheon, men's lunch, golf and seminars. Some of the things that are being worked on to get added into the rally will be some educational seminars instead of all the seminars being related to products and sales. Rally planners are hoping to have a larger "Crafters Fair" than the one at this year's rally in Shreveport. What is a Craft Fair you ask? A craft fair is where you bring your homemade crafts, your hobbies, your handmade items that you would like to display, or teach others how to make these items and yes, if you would like, you may sell your items. Between now and the start of the rally, planners are certainly hoping to be able to add some more interesting items to the agenda. So now is the time to take your pen out and mark your calendar for April 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, "A Capital Experience in Tallahassee".

## "Free Weekly RV Newsletter"

If you would like a good source of RV news and tips, we recommend the RV Travel Newsletter, distributed free via e-mail every Saturday. It contains lots of information on RV travel, tech tips, industry news and product reviews. Their columnists include some of the best known names in RVing including editor Chuck Woodbury, the RV Doctor Gary Bunzer, RV tech expert Mark Polk, and even a weekly "RV kitchen" recipe from author Janet Groene. You can get the newsletter for free by going to the website [rvtravel.com](http://rvtravel.com) and signing up with your e-mail address.





A warm welcome to our newest AlfaSeeYas members. To paraphrase, Sonny Gillespie, Past 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!

**Welcome**

Larry & Marty Finton  
 Jon & Kay Keith  
 Martin & Penny Kennedy  
 Mike & Patricia McComas  
 Peter & Pamela Tellier  
 Alan & Donna Vore

**Welcome Back**

Leigh & Suzanne Connor  
 Christian & Carolyn Eck  
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 Thomas & Sandy Wallace  
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## Alfa Repair Facilities

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

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Blue Sky Mobile RV Repair (RVDA Certified Master Technician) Tucson, AZ (502) 668-4038

Website [blueskyrv@gmail.com](mailto:blueskyrv@gmail.com)

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Bretz RV, Missoula, MT (406) 541-4800 website [www.bretzrv.com](http://www.bretzrv.com)

California RV Specialists, Lodi, CA (209) 334-4500 website [www.californiarvspecialists.com](http://www.californiarvspecialists.com)

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## 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:**

[Alfa One](#) - Southern California

[Lonestars](#) - Texas

[Mavericks](#) - Central California

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

[South Loafers](#) - Southern California, Arizona, & Nevada

[Sun Risers](#) - Eastern United States

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

If you would like to suggest a local rally, please contact our President, Ray Zimmermann. 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 Ray 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](http://www.FMCA.com)

June 25<sup>th</sup> till 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Northwest Area Rally  
Mill Hotel & Casino, North Bend, Oregon

July 8<sup>th</sup> till 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Northeast Area Rally  
Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, Vermont

July 29<sup>th</sup> till Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 FMCA'S 92<sup>nd</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase  
Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin

September 29<sup>th</sup>, till October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 Rocky Mountain Area Rally  
San Juan County Fairgrounds, McGee Park, Farmington, New Mexico

October 7<sup>th</sup>, till 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 South Central Area Rally  
Lone Star Convention & Expo Center, Conroe, Texas

October 14<sup>th</sup>, till 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Eastern Area Rally  
Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, Asheville, North Carolina

**RALLY CALENDAR ~~ UPCOMING ALFA CHAPTER RALLIES**

**SUN SEEKERS CHAPTER OUTINGS**

Contact Gerry Winey at [gerande@cableone.net](mailto:gerande@cableone.net) OR call 928-277-1496 OR 805-290-3261

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For information and a registration packet on all outings.

**JULY/AUGUST**

Dates: July 30<sup>th</sup> till August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Location: North Whidbey RV Park, Oak Harbor, WA

Wagonmasters: Denny & Lei Wright [denleiwright@att.net](mailto:denleiwright@att.net)

Gary & Gladys Drummond & Steve & Darlene Wright

**SEPTEMBER**

Dates: September 24<sup>th</sup> till 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Location: Woahink Lake RV Resort, Florence, OR

Wagon Masters: Randy & Cheryl Fabian [cherandy@frontier.com](mailto:cherandy@frontier.com)

Mel & Judi Kirkland

**SOUTH LOAFERS CHAPTER OUTING**

July/August 2015 ?????

**OCTOBER**

Dates: October 27<sup>th</sup> till November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Location: Distant Drums RV Resort, 853 West Middle Verde Rd., Camp Verde, AZ

86322

Wagon Masters: Jim and Vonnie Beard

Co-Wagon Masters: Dick and Virginia Brubaker

## Time Lost is Brain Lost

By Peace Health

Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the US. There are two types of stroke: *ischemic stroke* and *hemorrhagic stroke*. Ischemic stroke occurs when arteries are blocked by blood clots or by the gradual build-up of plaque and other fatty deposits. About 87% of all strokes are ischemic. While ischemic strokes are more common, hemorrhagic strokes are more likely to be fatal. The symptoms for both types of stroke are almost the same.

- There are approximately 795,000 strokes in the United States every year --that's one every 40 seconds.
- 140,000 people die from strokes each year -- that's one death every four minutes.
- The risk of a stroke doubles with each decade after age 55.
- Women and African Americans have higher rates of stroke.

### KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

If someone you know has signs or symptoms of a stroke, such as sudden, severe headache; sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; or sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding, use the **FAST** test to check for the main signs of a stroke - and call 911 if a stroke is suspected.

- **F = face:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- **A = arms:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **S = speech:** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Does their speech sound slurred or strange?
- **T = time:** if you observe one or more of these signs call **911 immediately**

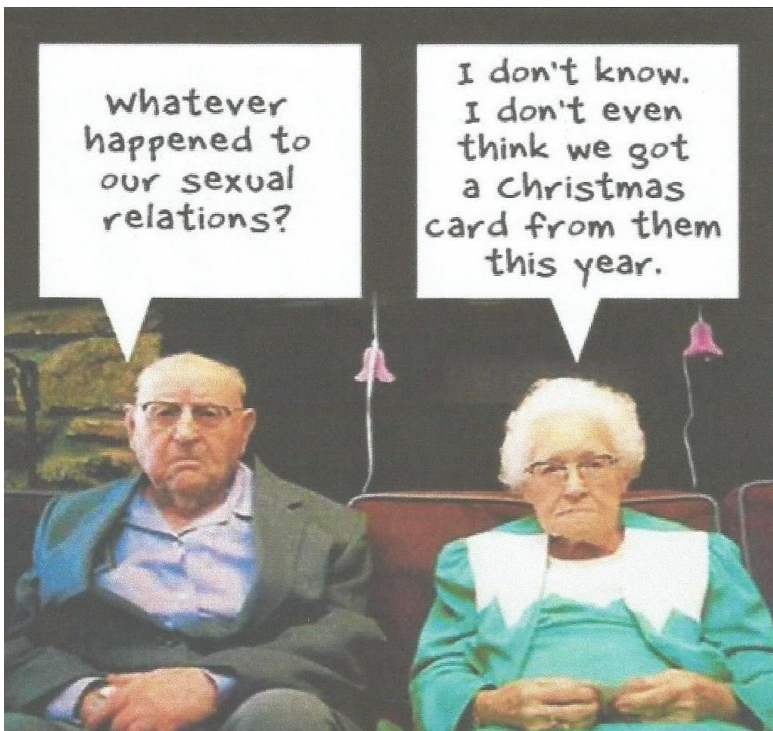
**Stroke is a medical emergency.** If possible, try to determine how long the person has been experiencing these symptoms.

"From now on I'll believe the prophet Muhammad"

I decided to go to the Mosque for the first time to see what it was all about.

I sat down and the Imam came up to me, laid his hands on my hand and said: "By the will of Allah the All Mighty, and the Prophet Muhammad you will walk today". I told him I was not paralyzed. He came back and laid his hands on me and repeated the same thing. Again I told him there is nothing wrong with me.

After the prayers I stepped outside and lo and behold, my car had been stolen !!



### My Living Will

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug".

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine !!

The little butt heads !!!

### It's Sad, But As I Get Older, I think Differently

After a long day on the golf course, I stopped in at Hooter's to see some friends and have some Hot Wings and iced tea. After being there for a while, one of my friends asked me which waitress I would like to be stuck in an elevator with. I told them..."The one who knows how to fix elevators".

I'm old, I'm tired, and I have to pee often.

## Alfa Enhancements & Additions

By Ed Burrows

Things you can add to your Alfa to make it a little nicer.

1. An electric powered, electrical cord reel. The removed attached cord with an added ending is used as a 50 amp extension cord.
2. An electric powered hose reel.
3. An auto alarm system.
4. An automatic or manually triggered fire extinguisher system for the engine compartment.
5. A surge guard electricity protection system permanently mounted.
6. An electric powered gray water sewer valve that can be opened from inside or outside of your Alfa.
7. AGM house batteries.
8. An onboard air pressure system that allows for pumping up the air in the tires.
9. Enhanced slide out awning material. The original material was nothing more than Window Screen which does not keep water out.
10. Motion sensing lights under counter, under the bed, and in certain dark counter areas.
11. A remote dimming switch for the dining room table light.
12. Upgrade shock absorbers and replace air filter that only requires hose washing.
13. Upgrade headlights, taillights and the third taillight.
14. Add a Magellan GPS system that includes the total trailer life campground guide.
15. Replace the Weldex (junk) camera and backup monitor with a Voyager system.
16. Build a temporary extension for the dining room table that allows for six people to sit comfortably.

**FOR SALE**

2008 Alfa See Ya Gold So Long. Purchased new in August 2009. 57,537 miles, smoke free. All tires, house and engine batteries were replaced in Aug. 2013. All maintenance service has been performed religiously. Our model is the one with the second hallway for closet, drawers and dressing. The interior color scheme is tan and brown with medium walnut wood. The RV has full body paint and diamond shield from the factory.

Summary of specifications sheet:

Freightliner chassis, Cummins 425, Allison transmission, extra long slide for living/dining area, and two bedroom slides, kingsize bed, generator, electric/gas water heater as well as Twintemp for hot water, heat and heating tile, basement heat/ac system as well as extra roof ac, window awnings, electric wind sensor patio awning, side by side refrigerator/freezer with ice-maker, 4 TV's including one outside in entertainment area, propane BBQ in the basement area and a small refrigerator/freezer, in-motion Kingdome satellite, 3 way backup camera with audio, keyless entry, 2 ceiling fans, extended galley w/dishwasher & garbage disposal, stackable washer & dryer, surround sound and 6 disc CD changer and radio, stove/oven, convection microwave, day/night shades, and many other extras from factory and after market.

Asking \$139,950. Located in Clarkston, Washington. Contact John Bowen at: [johnbowen61@yahoo.com](mailto:johnbowen61@yahoo.com) OR Michelle Bowen at: [mnjbowen@yahoo.com](mailto:mnjbowen@yahoo.com) OR call **530-903-9041** OR **530-903-9040**.

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2002 See Ya. 36 Feet, \$54,000  
 69,000 Miles. Great Shape. Located in Colorado Springs, CO  
 Contact: Jim Godfrey at **719-310-2095** Email: [jim.godfrey@comcast.net](mailto:jim.godfrey@comcast.net)

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2006 Alfa Gold. 45,000 miles, 400 Cummins, 40 feet w/3 slides, new custom graphics, new Michelin tires, custom cabinet by Davis Cabinets in dining area. All Gold standard features. No smoking, no pets. All manuals. Excellent condition. Asking \$95,000. Currently located in Eugene, OR Go to <http://eugene Craigslist.org/rv/5047229947.html> to see pictures and more information. Call Lanny Elfring at **541-554-0485** OR Mel Elfring at **541-554-0514** email at: [mel\\_elfring@yahoo.com](mailto:mel_elfring@yahoo.com)

## FACE FIRST

You may have your Dad's eyes, your Mom's smile and your Great Uncle Bernie's nose, but how you take care of your features is all you. Try these tips to keep your face happy and Healthy:

**EYES:** The American Optometric Association recommends turning your eyes away from your screen every 20 minutes and focusing on objects farther away for 20 seconds. This reduces your risk for eyestrain and computer vision syndrome.

**NOSE:** Nosebleeds become more common after age 50. To prevent them, the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery recommends swabbing the lining of your nose three times a day with petroleum jelly.

**TEETH:** Regular flossing helps prevent gum disease, which - according to the American Dental Association (ADA) - is associated with lower risk of cardiovascular disease. Yet only half of Americans floss every day, according to the ADA. To help you remember, keep your floss on your nightstand rather than in your medicine cabinet.

A guy went to a female dentist to have a tooth extracted. She pulled out a large syringe to give an anesthetic shot. "No way, no needles !! I hate needles !!" the man exclaimed. So she started to hook up the nitrous oxide tank. Quickly the man said, "I can't do the gas thing. Just the thought of having a mask on my face suffocates me !!" So the dentist gave him two little blue pills and he swallowed them. "What are those?" he asked. The dentist replied, "Viagra." "Well, I'll be," said the patient, "I didn't know Viagra worked as a pain killer." "It doesn't," said the dentist, "But it will give you something to hold on to when I pull your tooth."

### Anyone Interested In a Branson Outing ?

As I mentioned in my President's Message, my wife and I recently checked out RV parks in Branson, Missouri as a possible site of an AlfaSeeYas outing in 2016. We know that Branson is a popular spot with plenty of entertainment, dining, shopping, etc. and is centrally located for most of our members. Several of the RV parks there are experienced in handling groups and have event coordinators who can arrange show tickets, catering, entertainment, and transportation. They can put together a complete package that would make the job of a wagon master very easy.

An outing which would include four nights, site fee, several shows and meals and bus transportation would cost about \$600-\$650 per rig at this year's rates. Folks who wanted to come early or stay longer to do more things on their own could get the group rate at \$29 per night (again, at this year's rate). A minimum of 10 rigs would be required, but 20-25 would be better to keep the costs down.

What we would like to find out at this time is how many of you might be interested in such an outing in 2016. We are not asking for a commitment, but if it looks like enough of our members would attend, we will press ahead with planning an outing. We are thinking that September-October would be the best time, both weather-wise and when many people are moving from summer to winter destinations, but we would like to know what time of year would work best for you. If any of you would like to be wagon master or co-wagon master for such an event, let us know that too.

Please e-mail me at [rayzman89@gmail.com](mailto:rayzman89@gmail.com) and let me know if you would be interested and if you have any suggestions or comments on a Branson outing.

### Fun Facts

More people are killed by donkeys annually than are killed in plane crashes.

Abraham Lincoln's dog, Fido, was assassinated too.

The dot that appears over the letter "i" is called a tittle.

## AOC Concludes Successful 2015, Seeks Rally Masters for 2016

The Alfa Owners Club (AOC) completed a very successful and well-attended Rally at Casa Grande, Arizona in April. There were 106 rigs in attendance, including many of our AlfaSeeYas members. Most of the AOC chapters held pre-rallies for their members, so all-in-all we spent 10 days at the beautiful Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort. The time passed quickly, with all the socializing, dinners, entertainment, seminars and various other activities that go on at the Rally. As usual, the hardworking folks from Alfateers were there to fix our problems and add various goodies to our coaches.

### WANTED

At this time, we do not have Rally Masters for 2016, and obviously we need them if there is to be a 2016 Rally. The AOC Oversight Committee has compiled a comprehensive guide which provides all the "corporate knowledge" to make the job of Rally Master much easier. As a further incentive, Alfateers will provide a \$500 gift certificate to the first person to volunteer as Rally Master !!! If you are interested in being the Rally Master or a Co-Rally Master, please contact your AOC Chapter President or AOC Oversight Committee chair Randy Scott at [rscott@antelecom.net](mailto:rscott@antelecom.net).

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