

## SeeYa Connection #12

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# SeeYa Connection !

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## President's Message

We hope everyone was able to enjoy a pleasant winter and now are moving into a warmer spring. Rosemary and I were able to spend this winter in Florida, and had the opportunity to meet many Alfa owners at the parks we stayed at, at the

Brooksville FMCA Southeast Area rally and at the second AlfaSeeYas Florida winter rally at Lazy Days Rally Park. Thanks to Mike & Karolyn Lippert for running this rally for the chapter. Between Brooksville and the Lazy Days Rally Park, we hosted over 41 AlfaSeeYas families. A few weeks prior to this rally, Dave & Carole Kiesig hosted 47 AlfaSeeYas couples at Emerald Desert RV Resort in Indio, CA. Our chapter owes much thanks to these members for running such great events. Our chapter is in the International Area and the president of the Area is Jay Blumenthal. He visited both the West coast and East coast Area rallies and took time to stop by and visit with our chapter. Jay and Donna are very involved with FMCA on the national level and we are fortunate to have people of their quality willing to help with the running of FMCA. While on the subject of people working, when you read the write-ups on these two rallies, you'll see that the wagon masters depend on the assistance of attendees to make the rallies the success they are. We want to thank everyone who helped out in California and Florida this winter; your participation is what makes an AlfaSeeYas rally the fun it always is.

We were unable to secure a facility to hold a pre-rally for the Pomona International Convention, but thanks to the efforts of Bob McDonald, 11 coaches assembled at a local Wal-Mart and caravanned into the FMCA site where they held several evening social hours for the members to enjoy. Thanks Bob.

We hold two required meetings each year and members are welcome to ask questions about the chapter, and make suggestions. Since only a small portion of the membership attends a meeting, I am encouraging everyone who has a question or suggestion to e-mail me at [travelin\\_man@iname.com](mailto:travelin_man@iname.com) or call me at 513-310-1735. We look forward to hearing from you; don't wait until a meeting to ask a question.

Over the year, we occasionally receive calls or e-mails from owners who are distressed about getting repairs done, and getting their warranty company to pay for them. I've mentioned this before, but it seems to bear repetition...you must read the contract you have with the warranty company. Believe me, they will not do more than they are legally required, and the wording in the contract is everything.

Some members have complained that they went to an Alfa dealer and were told they could not get the work done because they did not buy the coach from them. Everyone should be aware that from day one, you do not have to go to an Alfa dealer for any work...first year, warranty or other. Alfa does ask that you contact them first if you are getting first year or warranty work, and if you are going back for a second time they definitely want you to call them first. Once you have arranged for service, you might find you must return because parts must be ordered. I suggest you follow up with a call to the service dealer a day or two

later to verify the parts were ordered, and find out from where they were ordered. The next day, call that location and verify they have received the order for parts and the parts are being shipped. Get a tracking number. Now you know things are moving along and you can follow up with a request for a new appointment to have the parts installed. If you are very lucky, the parts that arrive will be the correct parts and you will soon be on your way.

When speaking with owners, some express the frustration of having to bring their coach to a service dealer, waiting around to be seen, only to find out that parts have to be ordered and the work cannot be done, thus necessitating another trip to the dealer. We have avoided much of this frustration by using mobile techs when we are staying at a park for several weeks. Although nothing is perfect, we have usually gotten the work done without having to move the coach or waste a day. Like anything else, there have been times when the mobile tech drops the ball and nothing gets ordered, but then...did I call and verify that the part was ordered and being delivered?

**AlfaSeeYas 2006 Meeting Schedule.** In accordance with our By Laws the chapter must meet at least twice in a calendar year. The first meeting was held at the Post Rally in Seffner, FL in February. The next meeting will be held at the FMCA Convention in Charlotte, NC (Aug 14 to 17, 2006).

**AlfaSeeYas Nominating Committee.** Our Chapter Nominating Committee for 2006-2008 presently consists of Bea Christensen, Dave Kiesig, Gene Bergstrom and Bill Harju. We have one open slot on this committee; if you are interested, please contact Bea Christensen [by May 20](#).

We want to thank the Nominating Committee for contacting members to arrange for the addition to the committee, and for finding a Vice President for the chapter. We thank John Bohn for offering to fill that vacancy in our chapter Executive Board and welcome him as Vice President through March 2007. John's email address is on page 1.

You can save the Nominating Committee time and effort by contacting them if you are interested in volunteering for any of the offices in the chapter. Chapter officer's nominations are needed by December 2006. Any member in good standing may run for any office, and may submit their own name to any member of the nominating committee.

Bea Christensen at 703-283-2989 or at [johnandbirthe@aol.com](mailto:johnandbirthe@aol.com)

Dave Kiesig at 253-732-9108 or at [trainmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:trainmaster@hotmail.com)

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Bill Harju at 360-437-9696 or at [waharju@pacbell.net](mailto:waharju@pacbell.net)

**Treasurer's Report.** As of March 31, 2006 the AlfaSeeYas account had a balance of \$22,205.11. Included in that amount is \$11,600.00 in Branson Rally monies.

Recently, our annual FMCA generated recruitment mailing was sent the FMCA Alfa owners not in our chapter. To date, this has resulted in 32 new members and our total membership is now just short of 700. Will the member you recruit put us over 700?

**Please check your membership expiration date on the label of this newsletter.**

Send your check made payable to AlfaSeeYas to Rosemary Monte, 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati OH 45244-3026.

**SeeYa Connection -Email or US Mail**

Please note: You have the option of receiving  
the newsletter by either Email or US Mail.

If you prefer the Email version only please send  
a note to our secretary.....

Karen Hugo at [Khugo@aol.com](mailto:Khugo@aol.com)

**Mailing address - email and home!**

We can only maintain one mailing address for a member. If you change locations (winter/summer) - or change your email address - you must send a change of address to Karen Hugo our secretary. Email notification is preferred. Her email address is [KHugo@aol.com](mailto:KHugo@aol.com)

**AlfaSeeYas Bylaws and Standing Rules** - These can be accessed at the website listed above. If you do not have access to the internet and want copies please contact the editor. His address is listed on page one.

**STANDING RULES** - three proposed standing rules.

Ballots are to be postmarked or emailed to our secretary no later than June 15, 2006

Karen Hugo, Secretary AlfaSeeYas

205 Rainbow Drive #10565

Livingston, TX 77399

**OR**

Email to: [KHugo@aol.com](mailto:KHugo@aol.com) with votes on:

Proposal #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Proposal #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Proposal #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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

ALFA Coach # \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_ must be included.

Voters must be current with FMCA and AlfaSeeYas dues. One vote per coach.

Karen will record them whichever way they vote - either email or US mail.

These proposed Standing Rules have been submitted by a member of the AlfaSeeYas Chapter. They have been reviewed by the Executive Board.

### **PROPOSED STANDING RULES**

#### **STANDING RULE PROPOSAL #1 - BUSINESS MEETINGS**

**The two required chapter business meetings, in accordance with FMCA By-Laws, Article XVI, (4), will be held in conjunction with or during the FMCA National Conventions. One being during the Summer and one being during the Winter. One of the meetings shall be an Annual Meeting at which an election is held. During the even years the election will be for the Nominating Committee and during the odd years the election will be for President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, National Director and Alternate National Director. Any position vacancies may be elected during either meeting.**

Substantiation:

I believe we need to establish a consistent chapter meeting time frame. We are required to hold a minimum of 2 (two) chapter business meetings a year. My proposal would be to have these required meetings held in conjunction with the National Conventions of the FMCA. There is a great many chapters that do just that. It is a convenient time to hold these meetings prior to the convention (a pre-rally), during the convention where with enough notice we usually can get a room

assigned, or after the convention (post-rally). This consistency would then allow our members to plan well in advance if they wish to attend a chapter business meeting. (FMCA has reservations well into 2008 for the upcoming locations)

VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

#### STANDING RULE PROPOSAL #2 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE SERVICE TERM

**The nominating committee shall consist of no less than 3 and no more than 5 AlfaSeeYas chapter members in good standing. The election of the Nominating Committee shall be for a two year term and shall be held during a business meeting held in the even years. The nominating committee shall select within themselves a chairperson.**

Substantiation:

The nominating committee should be elected on the opposite year as the officers that they will be nominating. This gives the committee members at least one year to solicit for candidates' names and acquire documentation for agreeing to perform the duties of the position and their history/good standing. After the officers election they would then have one year to solicit for candidates for the next election of the nominating committee.

VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

#### STANDING RULE PROPOSAL #3 - REIMBURSEMENT FOR ATTENDING NATIONAL MEETINGS

**There shall be a reimbursement from chapter funds payable to one of the following: the National Director, Alternate National Director, or Elected Temporary Delegate certified to attend the National FMCA Governing Board meeting held annually. The reimbursement shall consist of:**

**A maximum allowance of \$500.00 for fuel expenses for which receipt(s) must be furnished showing that the costs were incurred during one week (seven days) prior to either the FMCA convention or the chapter business meeting being held in conjunction with the meeting which ever is earlier. If a lesser dollar amount is shown, then only that lesser amount will be reimbursed. Receipts must clearly indicate that distance travel was being performed by showing both date of purchase and geographical location of purchase.**

**All receipts must be presented to the Treasurer for approval within 30 days**

**of being incurred and reimbursement made within 30 days thereafter.**

Substantiation:

The Governing Board meeting is a required attendance by the chapter National Director. If the National Director cannot attend, then the Alternate National Director would attend and if the Alternate National Director cannot attend then an "elected" temporary delegate is to attend. The representative's registration fee is reimbursed by FMCA, but travel is not. This is the one convention that is NOT a selective one to attend, or not to attend, by the chapter representative. The fuel expense is the single most expensive cost to travel to the convention. This proposal does not allow for the return trip, if any, nor does it cover any camping or parking charges en route. The seven days will ensure that the travel was intended for meeting purposes and not for leisure travel.

VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR DUES UP-TO-DATE -- Valid AlfaSeeYa membership requires valid FMCA membership.**

Chapter By-laws state:

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the (AlfaSeeYa) Chapter, a person must own at least 1/3rd of an FMCA approved Qualifying Motor Coach manufactured by Alfa Leisure, Inc., **be in good standing with FMCA** and meet dues requirement and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter.

**Annual Dues:** Annual payment of Chapter and National dues enables persons to become active Members and entitled to all rights and privileges of the Chapter and FMCA. The annual dues for Membership in the Chapter shall be an amount, as the Membership shall establish.

Please keep your dues current! If your membership is unpaid more than 60 days you are delinquent and if more than 120 days your AlfaSeeYas membership is cancelled. After that time, in addition to the annual dues, a new initiation fee of \$10 will be required to reinstate your membership.

If you have questions about your dues contact:

FMCA --- [www.FMCA.com](http://www.FMCA.com) at 1-800-543-3622

AlfaSeeYas --- Rosemary Monte at- [travelin\\_lady@mail.com](mailto:travelin_lady@mail.com) or 513-310-1735

**Editor's Note:** As mentioned in the last newsletter my wife and I will be traveling in the Maritimes this June. No one volunteered to do the June newsletter! As a result only three editions will be published in 2006 - April, August and December. To keep up-to-date please check our web site [www.alfaseeyas.com](http://www.alfaseeyas.com)

**Camping guides** Here is a list of a few Camping Guides you may find of interest ([www.TravelBooksUSA.com](http://www.TravelBooksUSA.com)).

Casino Camping - nearly 300 RV-Friendly casinos throughout America are listed.

RV Camping in State Parks - Over one thousand state parks and recreation areas in 49 states.

Coleman National Forest Campground & Recreation Directory. - This comprehensive 621-page directory includes every National Forest campground, nationwide.

National Park Service Camping Guide - Inside you'll find detailed campground information such as number of sites, season of operation, camping fees, RV length limits, and a list of amenities available at each campground.

### **Good Ideas From Past Issues**

Large windows move easier if you clean the felt track with an old toothbrush and use a light application of pure silicon spray on the track.

Put screening on the inside of the floor air ducts so stuff doesn't fall down into the duct.

Install a quick disconnect on the air manifold to add air to your tires. You'll need at least 50 foot of air hose.

Another use for the air hose! Purchase an extension with a hand control and use the air to blow off dirt, grass, etc.

Make use of the compartment above the large slide for storing umbrellas, fishing rods, and your books. (Keep the books clear of the paddle fan). AND, make sure nothing can open and fall behind the compartments and onto the roof of the slideout when the slideout is 'in'.

Have slow (or no) water coming from your kitchen faucet? Make sure you clean the filter at the end of the faucet.

Make sure your tires are inflated properly - check the Michelin Web site for the proper amount.

If you need more storage buy plastic containers similar to those in your overhead compartments and keep them under the couch. You will need to lift the couch to place them under the couch.

Under the couch is an excellent place for you ladies to store your ironing board.

Check the valve extensions on your rear tires to make sure they are not rubbing against the rims.

Did you cut your trash cover in half? Last issue we mentioned sawing the trash cover in half for easier access to the trash container. The editor's wife added four small felt cushions to the bottom to keep the cover from scratching the counter top.

If you get water stain on your ceiling, Clorox Oxi Magic Chlorine Beach Free Multi-Purpose Stain Remover (white bottle with blue label) sprayed on and left overnight will perform wonders. As always, try in an inconspicuous area first to verify the product does not damage the ceiling. "We had a large 1 x 3 foot stain on the bedroom ceiling. I tried many different products and finally had success with this one.

**SeeYa Web Site** Did you know that we have our own web site? Created by Tony Monson it features information all members will find useful such as: About us, Officers, Latest Issue of the SeeYa Connection Newsletter, Links to other sites, Photo Album, Chapter Documents, Rally Information, and a Rally Application form. We suggest you add this site to your favorite list - it is [www.alfaseeyas.com](http://www.alfaseeyas.com).

**Yahoo Group Web Site For SeeYa Owners.** " This forum was formed to share information and ownership on the Alfa Leisure diesel motor home: the See Ya. If you have suggestions, custom changes you have made, technical questions, complaints or anything relating to owning or considerations of owning an Alfa See Ya this web site may be of interest to you."

This site is owned by RV Consulting, Inc., and is not associated with Alfa Leisure, Inc.

This group is for honest sharing of information regarding Alfa Leisure RV products – we do not monitor or remove posts citing problems or complaints. We feel owners and prospective owners benefit most from having open, un-moderated and uncensored information available on the coach.

- Go to [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com)

- Enter AlfaSeeYa in the search box

- Enroll in the group
- Choose either daily messages or daily digest to read messages off-line.

### **Other Web Sites.....**

- [www.alfaleisure.com](http://www.alfaleisure.com) - [www.alfaseeyas.com](http://www.alfaseeyas.com)
- [www.rv.net](http://www.rv.net) - [www.escapeees.com](http://www.escapeees.com)
- [www.hotsheet.com](http://www.hotsheet.com) - [www.FMCA.com](http://www.FMCA.com)
- [www.irv2.com](http://www.irv2.com) - [www.rvrepairmanual.com](http://www.rvrepairmanual.com)
- [www.casinocampgrounds.com](http://www.casinocampgrounds.com) - [www.wififreespot.com/rv.html](http://www.wififreespot.com/rv.html)

### **Sassy SeeYas Red Hat Society**

The Sassy SeeYas met for their post-rally luncheon at Victoria's and Grace's Tea Room in Tampa, FL in early Feb 2006. Eight SeeYa Red Hatters attended. Sassy SeeYas will meet again at the Central Illinois Gathering in September and at the February 2007 Post Rally at Seffner, FL.

Ladies interested in joining the Sassy SeeYas should send a check for \$5.00 for the first year - to Kris Huber - Countess of the Treasury 1104 Hampton Rd. Washington, IL 61571-1254. Her email address is [bokarcoffee@insightbb.com](mailto:bokarcoffee@insightbb.com) cell phone is 309-635-8369.

### **Replacing Caulking -**

- 1) Use a nylon scraper to remove the old caulking.
- 2) Wipe and clean with lemon oil to remove the residue
- 3) Clean with soap and water to remove the lemon oil residue.
- 4) Reseal

**Using The Space Behind The Picture In The Bathroom** - Our 2004 has space behind the picture in the bathroom to access the plumbing for the shower. We cut some ½ thick lumber to width and length, bought some corner brackets and added shelves. It is a good place to store vitamin bottles, shampoo, etc. (Kris Huber)

**Drying Clothes from your Splendide.** Although the Splendide unit will handle

up to 14 lbs. in the wash cycle, we have found it necessary to limit drying to small loads, no more than 6 lbs. Heavy loads took two to three dryer cycles to complete the washday load. We simplified this by adding a "clothes line" accessible from the bedroom window. We ran decorative white link chain (Lowe's or Home Depot) from one window awning arm to the other. Clothes hung on plastic hangers allow for all the pants, walking shorts, shirts and towels to be dried easily. Since you can insert a hanger hook into a chain link, the items hang apart and dry quickly. The chain comes down easily for travel. (Bruce and Rosemary Monte)

## .....RALLY REPORTS.....

### **Emerald Desert Pre-Rally January 2006**

Carole and I arrived early to dot the "I"s and cross the T's since this was our first visit to Emerald Desert.. Everything went well and after a day or so, we had the basics lined up. We drafted the early arrivals to assist us with parking and greeting. They did a great job parking 46 coaches in close quarters without hitting trees and the coaches going at opposite directions. We appreciated the assistance of Prince Reed, Cal and Patti Chastain, and Gene and Judi Lasater. Also, I want to thank Cal Chastain, Gene Berkstrom, and I have forgotten the name of the third person (not good on my part, but he knows who he is), who assisted the 30 coaches that went on to Indio.

I also want to thank the two folks that gave me a little oil when my coach decided to act up on the morning we were leaving for the Pre Rally, 10 coaches arrived the day before and we got together for a informal happy hour and then 18 of us went to the local Applebee's for dinner.

The next day all but one coach arrived before 4 PM. John and Belle Bohn were the exception who had broken out both of the large passenger side windows that day. John had stopped in Chino to pick them up from Alfa, put them in himself and still made it from San Diego to Palm Desert in time to catch the end of dinner.

Dinner was a catered affair with participants enjoying their choice of Prime Rib, Stuffed Halibut with shrimp and crabmeat, or a very fancy stuffed Chicken breast. We had guests from FMCA as International Vice President Jay Blumenthal and his wife Donna joined us for dinner. The caterer did a wonderful job.

On the second day folks went to one or more of area attractions including: shopping at several different and interesting venues, a dog show, balloon festival, a parade, a gondola ride up the mountain, golf, tennis, swimming, etc. We then got together in the clubhouse for a happy hour and Pot Luck Dinner. As usual, we

had lots and lots of food. John Filipizak provided the entertainment After dinner we played a game telling what we as a group liked and disliked about where we go, and also who we look up to or have met in our lives and travels. I believe folks had a good time and learned some things about each other. There was free time on the third day along with a coach walk, and a discussion with representatives from Alfa, the discussion addressed specific problems folks had with their coaches and what the factory is trying to do to make us all want to buy another one and Alfa's future plans. They noted problems attendees had and sent folks to repair coaches both at Emerald Desert and Indio at the FMCA rally the next two days. After all the activities we again had a social hour before we having a Steak Dinner in

the clubhouse. Several members cooked 100 steaks, TBones and Porterhouse Cuts. The few remaining were used during happy hour the next night at Indio,

We had some special entertainment again, this time provided by Bob Allen who has professionally entertained on cruise ships and other places in the area.

The Vice President of Alfa, Michael Kelly attended dinner with us. He and Steven King provided us with assistance in repairing several coaches during the rally. Also, Alfa and FMCA provided us with enough items to give away that everyone got something to take home with them.

We had 30 coaches convoy to Indio for the FMCA rally, where we did a first, and entered two vehicles into the parade Rick and Patricia Townley had brought a very nice Mercedes' Convertible and Charlie and Donna Musgrave had little Al which looks like a little Alfa that we decorated and several of us walked in the parade and passed out about twenty-six pounds of candy to the crowd. We didn't win a trophy, but we had fun. It's interesting to see what a group of folks can come up with in the way of decorations in a short time. We were parked on grass and most of us took advantage of the electric service and did not use our generator. Carole and I had a lot of fun with both pre-rally and the FMCA Rally and thank all of you who participated and the pleasure of your company. (Dave and Carole Kiesig).

Editor's note: And our thanks Dave and Carole for taking the leadership role.

### **Thank you Note From FMCA National VP Re: Indio Pre-Rally and Brooksville Post-Rally**

To: Karen Hugo

From: Jay Blumenthal

Please convey our thanks to all the AlfaSeeYas we met led by Dave and Carole their crew at their Indio pre-rally and Bruce and Rosemary the gang at Brooksville. Donna and I enjoyed the dinner (Indio) and the Happy Hour (Brooksville) and are glad we could get to know what a great group of people you are. I keep the Alfa hat (given to me by Dave) right by my bedside.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to the Pomona and Charlotte conventions and hope you'll all join us at the INTO rally this summer in Gillette (WY).

Until then, we hope you all stay healthy and drive safely.

Jay Blumenthal

National VP of International Area, FMCA

**AlfaSeeYa Post Rally February 2006-** Thirty-two coaches were present for the first AlfaSeeYas post-rally held at Lazy Days Rally Park at Seffner, Florida. A number of coaches came from the FMCA Regional Rally, which was held at Brooksville.

A catered dinner was held the first night preceded by a get-acquainted gathering for refreshments and coach-talk. Many couples enjoyed the free breakfasts and lunches provided by Lazy Days. The first day was a free day for choosing activities of personal interest – some golfed, shopped, did laundry and household duties after spending days dry camping at the FMCA rally, sightseeing in the area and some spent time catching up with friends they hadn't seen since a previous rally. We all came together for a social hour followed by cards and games played that evening at Rally Central.

Day two featured a Red Hat luncheon for the ladies at a nearby quaint tearoom. The eight ladies who attended had a very special time of companionship and great food. A few of the Red Hat Romeos (husbands) got together to enjoy lunch and car shopping. That afternoon we all enjoyed a coach walk, gleaning new ideas for customizing our own coaches. Several of the coaches had repair work done with the helping hands of Dick Albritton. A potluck dinner was the highlight of the evening with door prizes for every coach couple.

Many of us enjoyed great restaurants in the area. A favorite was Parksdale Farms renowned for their huge strawberry shortcakes and their great fruit and vegetables. For those who missed this adventure, it's a must for the post-rally of February 2007. Information for the 2007 rally is found elsewhere in this issue of the Connection.

Our thanks to our wagon masters Mike & Karolyn Lippert.

**PLEASE NOTE; IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE  
CENTRAL ILLINOIS GATHERING, THE  
ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA OR ANY OF THE  
FMCA EVENTS ---YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR  
RESERVATIONS SOON!**

**SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE LIMITED SITES  
AVAILABLE.**

**IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE LITTLE OR NO TIME TO  
ENROLL AFTER YOUR RECEIVE YOUR AUGUST  
NEWSLETTER.**

## **.....UPCOMING RALLYS.....**

**August in North Carolina.** Bruce & Rosemary Monte will lead the AlfaSeeYas caravan into the FMCA International Convention in Charlotte, NC on Sunday, August 13. We will have several social hours during the rally, a business meeting, a potluck dinner on site, and a dinner at a local restaurant. Since we need to let FMCA know the number of spaces we will need, please let us know in advance that you are coming. Simply send an e-mail to [or give us a call at 513-310-1735](mailto:or give us a call at 513-310-1735). [You will need to make your own reservations through FMCA \( www.fmca.com \) or call 800-543-3622 and ask for the](http://www.fmca.com) Charlotte Convention. We will be using General Parking, 7am-11pm Generator use. If you require handicap parking, you can caravan in with the group and then be directed to your site by the parking team at the FMCA location.

**September AlfaSeeYa Gathering in Central Illinois** The next Central Illinois Gathering of SeeYas will be from Sept 14 to 18, 2006.

***There will be a different format this year.***

Three days (Sept 14-15-16) at Kentuckiana Campground in Hopedale, IL followed by two days (Sept 17 & 18) at Double J Campground in Chatham, IL (South of Springfield). Events planned are tours of Caterpillar facilities in Peoria, IL, the Morton, IL Pumpkin Festival, Red Hat Luncheon, and the new Lincoln

Museum in Springfield. Reservations are limited to 15 coaches.

If you have any questions please contact Karolyn Lippert at 309-360-5720 or [klippert43@msn.com](mailto:klippert43@msn.com)

Cost for the Kentuckiana portion is \$90. Cost for the Springfield portion is \$65. Kentuckiana is full hookup and Double J will be W/E only (honey wagon available).

SeeYa members can participate in both or either of the two events.

Please complete the Rally Application (at the end of this newsletter or make copy from our website) and mail to Karolyn Lippert at 16 Greenbriar Rd in Mackinaw, IL 61755-9372. Deadline is Aug 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta - October 10-14, 2006** - For the second year in a row Terry & Owen O'Neill will wagon master an Alfa SeeYa Rally for the Albuquerque Inter-national Balloon Fiesta. Fees are \$175 before Sept 1, 2006 and \$185 after. Fees include 4 nights parking with no hookups. The rally is limited to 40 coaches or 80 people. Price includes 4 nights RV parking, a buffet dinner at The Pueblo of Santa Ana Casino and a buffet lunch at El Pinto Mexican Restaurant and much more. If you are interested complete the Rally Application (at the end of this newsletter or make copy from our website.) Mailing instructions are listed on the application.

Additional information about the Fiesta can be found at [www.balloonfiest.com](http://www.balloonfiest.com)

**November in Texas.** Get ready to rally in Texas. **AlfaSeeYas** will have the chance to enjoy the Texas Hill Country when we rally at the top rated Alamo Fiesta RV Park in Boerne, starting on Friday Nov 10, ending Tuesday Nov 14. We'll have the usual social hours, plus a catered Texas Bar-B-Q, potluck dinner, coach walks and roundtables. Some time for sightseeing is included. Nearby towns offer much Texas history and scenery. Four nights full hookups, catered meal on Friday night, morning coffee and treats, and more for \$155 paid by October 1, \$170 after that Page 12

date. We only have 30 sites available so early registration is a must. Wagon masters are Bruce & Rosemary Monte. Please complete the rally application at the end of the newsletter and send your check for \$155 to our Rally Coordinator. Don't be disappointed...send in your check now. Any questions...call us at 513-310-1735 or e-mail to [travelin\\_man@iname.com](mailto:travelin_man@iname.com)

**January 2007 in California** - In 2007 we'll be having a post rally to the FMCA Western Area Rally in Indio, CA. Our rally will be at Sands RV Resort in Desert Hot Springs starting January 14 and ending January 18. Mark your calendar and

look for details in the next newsletter.

**February 2007 Post Rally in Florida** Lazy Days is the place to be for our February, 2007 AlfaSeeYas Post Rally to the FMCA Southeast Regional Rally. We are already planning a great time for everyone. Plan to join us on February 11<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Reservations include 3 nights full hookups, paved sites, welcome dinner, door prizes, round table discussion groups, coach walk and pot luck dinner. All-inclusive cost is \$150 paid by December 1st. Cost is \$165 after that date. Sites are limited this year to 50 so make your reservations early. Lazy Days provides fee breakfast and lunch - except for Sunday.

Reservations are made by sending the attached Rally Application to Terry O'Neill, Rally Coordinator.

Karol & Mike Lippert, Wagon masters Susan & John Richardson, Co-Wagon masters

**NOTE: DO NOT SEND RALLY APPLICATIONS TO ALFASEEYAS ADDRESS - SEND TO TERRY O'NEILL AT HER ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION!**

### **AlfaSeeYas and FMCA Rally Schedule**

**May 2006 - Mar 2007**

**Rally Coordinator** - Have questions or suggestions for SeeYa Rallies. Contact our Rally Coordinator Terry O'Neill- [terry.o@prodigy.net](mailto:terry.o@prodigy.net) or 119 Rainbow Dr. PMB 1927 Livingston, TX 77399 phone (702)807-2728.

We hope you have seen information on upcoming FMCA rallies and conventions. We've listed them in your newsletter for your convenience. If you would like to suggest **a local rally (gathering)**, please inform Terry O'Neill. Local rallies are listed in the rally schedule. A group of AlfaSeeYas can get together very easily for a few days during the week, or over a weekend.

Please check the scheduled rallies and add some of them to your schedule. **NOTE: THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SITES AVAILABLE AT MOST EVENTS.** You can insure a spot by reserving now. Your early reservation FOR PRE & POST RALLIES saves you \$15 and lets the Wagon Master know if additional sites are needed. Sometimes it is possible to accommodate more than the number originally planned.

**Please note: Members should reserve General Parking for FMCA Rallies by calling FMCA reservations (1-800-543-3622) or using the FMCA web site**

([www.FMCA.com](http://www.FMCA.com) ). Contact information for other rallies is listed.

**Note:** The cost of the pre-rallies is for two adults in one Alfa motor home.

***NOTE: PLEASE COMPLETE THE RALLY APPLICATION FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR CHECK TO EITHER THE RALLY COORDINATOR OR WAGON MASTERS AS REQUESTED IN THE RALLY INFORMATION.***

**Key:**

FMCA - Event sponsored by FMCA

AlfaSeeYa Pre-Rally (to FMCA Event) - sponsored by our Chapter of FMCA

AlfaSeeYa Rally - sponsored by AlfaSeeYas chapter of FMCA

AlfaSeeYa Gathering - a local gathering of SeeYas

## .....Rally Schedule.....

May 25 to 29, 2005 FMCA Great Lakes Area Rally at Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs, MI

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June 8 to 10 FMCA Northwest Area Rally at Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany, OR

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Jun 21 to 24, 2006 - FMCA Midwest Area Rally at Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds in Henry, IL

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June 30 to July 3, 2006 FMCA International Area Rally (INTO) at CAM-PLEX in Gillette, WY

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Aug 14 to 17, 2006 **Alfa SeeYas at FMCA's 76th International Convention at**

Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, NC

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Sept 10 to 16, 2006 - **AlfaSeeYa Rally** at Branson, MO. **SOLD OUT** - Bruce Monte is accepting waiting list applications with \$50 deposit

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Sept 14 to 18 2006 - **AlfaSeeYa Gathering** at Kentuckiana Campground (3 days) in Hopedale, IL and (2 days) at Double J Campground in Chatham, IL (Springfield Area) - More information earlier in this newsletter.

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Sept 26 to 29, 2006 - FMCA South Central Rally at Ford Park in Beaumont, TX

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Oct 10 to 14, 2006 - **AlfaSeeYas Rally** at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, NM. More information earlier in this newsletter

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Oct 11 to 14, 2006 - FMCA Rocky Mountain Area Rally at Pina County Fairgrounds in Casa Grande, AZ

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Nov 10 to 14, 2006 - **AlfaSeeYas Rally** at Alamo Fiesta RV Park in Boerne, TX  
More information earlier in this newsletter.

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Jan 10 to 14, 2007- FMCA Western Area Rally at Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in Indio, CA.

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Jan 14 to 18 - **AlfaSeeYas Post Rally** at Sands RV Resort In Desert Hot Springs, CA

More information earlier in this newsletter.

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Feb 7 to 11, 2007 FMCA Southeast Area Rally at Hernando County Airport, Brooksville, FL

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Feb 11 to 14, 2007 - **AlfaSeeYa Post-Rally** at Lazy Days Rally Park in Seffner, FL. More information in this newsletter.

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Mar 19 to 22, 2007 FMCA 77th International Convention at Georgia National Fairground & Agricenter in Perry, GA

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May 3 to 6, 2007 - FMCA Eastern Area Rally in Memphis, TN

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July 11 to 14, 2007 FMCA Northeast Area Rally at Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ

**Other Rallies** - For those of you who are Alfa Leisure Owner's Club members - please check the Alfa Leisure web site for local rally information. Go to [www.alfaleisure.com](http://www.alfaleisure.com) - click on owner's club then select either (or one at a time) Alfa 1, Sun Loafers, Wranglers, Lone Star, Sunrisers, Mavericks, Road Runner, Sun Seekers or Sun Chasers to learn of the rallies they are scheduling.

**AlfaSeeYas Jackets and Caps available.** We are taking orders for AlfaSeeYas jackets and caps. Since we do not stock jackets, we only take orders about twice a year. Prices remain the same...\$50 for the jacket up to XL ( for larger, add \$2, XXL; \$3 XXXL; \$4 XXXXL) and \$10 for the cap. Both are quality items with

**AlfaSeeYas** embroidered on the front of the jacket and cap. Shipping is \$6.00 per jacket, \$4.00 for up to 2 caps; free shipping on caps ordered with jackets. You can see these items at [www.alfaseeyas.com](http://www.alfaseeyas.com). You can order jackets and/or caps by contacting Bruce Monte at 513-310-1735 or at [travelin\\_man@iname.com](mailto:travelin_man@iname.com)

**AlfaSeeYas Name Badges** - A badge with a pin back is \$6.50 (shipping cost is \$1.25 for two badges), and with a magnetic back at \$8.50 (shipping cost is \$0.50 for two badges). Please include name(s), coach number and FMCA number. Make your check payable to: Two Crazy Ladies 154 Rainbow Dr #5452 Livingston, TX 77399-0141.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Some members with direcway.com email addresses have been forced to change from direcway.com to hughes.net. If you have difficulty reaching friends with a direcway address you may need to change your address book.*

**NOTE:** The listing of member's names, city & state, and e-mail addresses that would normally be listed at this point in the newsletter are not included on this web site. For information on Changes, Corrections and Welcome new members you will need to refer to the e-mailed or regular mailed copy. Thank you, Web administrator.

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## AlfaSeeYas Rally Application

Name and Date of Rally

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Member Names

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Address

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City, State, Zip Code

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Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Make your check payable to ALFASEEYAS for  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Terry O'Neill 119 Rainbow Drive, PMB 1927, Livingston, TX 77399-1019

PLEASE DO NOT ADDRESS YOUR ENVELOPE TO ALFASEEYAS

**Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$10.00 cancellation charge. If the rally has incurred non-refundable costs, these will be deducted from the refund unless there is a waiting list. There are no refunds for cancellations less than seven days prior to the start of the rally.

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

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

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

Send your check and this application to Terry O'Neill - address listed above.