



SeeYa Connection

Newsletter for our FMCA Chapter

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President's Message

-- By Randy Scott - rscott@antelecom.net

Happy New Year and hello to all SeeYas members! As your new Chapter President, I first want to thank all the now past Chapter officers for working so hard to make this chapter successful: John Bohn (President), Dave Kiesig (Vice President), Rhonda Dean (Secretary), Belle Bohn (Treasurer), Tim Dean (National Director), and Don Rowe (Alternate National Director). Also, thanks so much to Patty Rowe – our newsletter editor – as she will be turning the newsletter “reins” over to Marla Green after this issue, and thanks to Tony Monson who has agreed to continue as our very capable Website Administrator!

All of us who were newly installed at our January meeting want to thank the chapter membership for expressing your confidence in us by electing us to our positions in the Chapter. We will certainly strive to continue all the hard work and efforts put in by the previous officers, and hope to further advance our Chapter. We have already obtained new members at our January pre-rally and FMCA Western Area rally – we certainly want to encourage all of you to continue your efforts to talk to current Alfa owners to encourage them to join us!

As I stated at our January meeting, we are all new to these elected positions in the Chapter, and very much welcome your suggestions on what we can do to ensure your enjoyment in being a member. One of the reasons that Mike and Kathleen, and Terry and I agreed to serve was due to our desire to travel further to the mid- and eastern US, where many of our members reside. We would like to

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encourage having rallies/outings in those areas. At our January meeting, Craig Christen suggested having a rally at the Albuquerque, NM balloon festival in Oct 2011 – which was enthusiastically received by many of the members present. Craig and Terilu have conducted a number of rallies at the balloon festival, so they already have a pretty good idea of how to do it and the costs (surprisingly low!). We will have more info in the near future.

Other ideas we already have for potential future Chapter rallies are at Branson, MO, the RV/MH museum in Elkhart, IN, rallies in conjunction with other FMCA chapters, and pre-rallies in conjunction with other FMCA Regional Rallies – such as in the Northeast and Southeast. Bear in

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mind, there is no requirement to have Chapter rallies/pre-rallies only in conjunction with FMCA rallies – we can have them at any time and location as we have folks who would like to participate. We would like to hear from you about your ideas on locations for future Chapter rallies. Also, if you know of a nice RV park in an area for a potential future rally, please send the name of it to us and we will look into it further. Although it is relatively easy to be a rally wagonmaster (especially if you have co-wagonmasters as Terry and I did with Mike and Kathleen Stinson at the October NASCAR race rally), we realize that may be a burden to some of you, so we are going to see if we can get some help to set up rallies at distant locations. We are also going to provide additional information on what we normally do at a SeeYa rally, how to conduct one, and what incentives we can provide to those willing to be a wagonmaster.

Please feel free to send your ideas and suggestions to me at my email address (rscott@antelecom.net) or my snail mail address (P.O. Box 1360, Rosamond, CA 93560). We've also had some suggestions for incentives to attract new Chapter members (and we do have some ability to provide them in conjunction with FMCA), and will pursue them too.

Terry would like me to remind you that if you change your home and/or email address, please be sure to let us know ASAP, so that we can ensure our records are kept up to date and we stay in communication with you.

Again, thanks for your confidence in us, and please send us your ideas for the future,

Hoping to see you soon,

-- Randy

Farewell -- By John Bohn - jfbohn1@mac.com

When Belle and I retired in 2005, we bought a new Alfa with the intent of traveling the US of A for two years! Well, that was almost six years and 70,000 miles ago, but we can now say we have completed our bucket-list of things we wanted to see in this wonderful country of ours!

As you are aware, an AlfaSeeYas meeting and election was held at our recent Palm Desert Pre Rally on January 8. My congratulations and best wishes are offered to your new slate of officers whom we have had the pleasure of getting to know individually over the last couple of years; they are nice, dedicated and conscientious folks who I am sure will serve the club well.

We have certainly appreciated all of the friendship, help and camaraderie we've experienced since becoming members of the AlfaSeeYas. We had no idea such a group of wonderful people existed out

there in the RV world. That's probably why we stayed longer than anticipated, and have been happy to serve as officers of this fine organization! It has truly been memorable and rewarding.

During our Alfa travels we have seen amazing places and things, met wonderful people, and made good friends along the way, especially fellow members of the AlfaSeeYas.

Because our future travel plans are set for offshore destinations we will be selling our coach. If you know of anyone interested in a fastidiously cared for Alfa, please direct him or her to us.

We wish you the happiest of future Alfa travels, and maybe we'll SeeYa down the road!

Sincerely,

John and Belle Bohn
Immediate Past President and Treasurer

Editor's Note -- By Patty Rowe, Newsletter Editor -- patty@WeBeSnowbirds.com

YIKES!! This is the latest that I have ever sent a quarterly newsletter out! January's schedule for the Rowe's, and for a lot of other Chapter members, was pretty hectic. Don and I, along with the Lynch's and Lively's, were co-wagonmasters for the Palm Desert Pre-Rally. The Pre-Rally and the Indio FMCA Rally were a great deal of fun, as you will read in Judi Lasater's report. After that, Don and I went to Quartzsite for the Roadrunners (an Alfa Owners Club Chapter) campout in the desert. Nine days of dry camping might not appeal to everyone, but it takes me back to my roots - camping in the desert as a kid in Dad's old pickup truck camper. I love the tall stories around the campfire, weenie roasts, and of course all the stuff - the good, the bad and the ugly - for sale at the Quartzsite RV Show. We are now dry camping in the desert again, getting our Alfa's 600 watt solar system rebuilt, including installation of a new Magnum sine wave inverter. This newsletter is being written entirely by the power of the sun!

As mentioned above, our Chapter has new officers. I thought it was a good time for me to turn over the Newsletter Editor's job as well. Marla Green graciously offered to take it on, and I have no doubt she will do a wonderful job, starting with the next edition in April. A newsletter editor would not have much to write about without input from members, and I know Marla will want your ideas, suggestions, stories, repair successes and/or woes, useful products, recipes, photos ... anything you think of or run across that you feel would be interesting to share with other members ... I hope you will send it on to her. Marla's email address is marlasalfal@cox.net

Don and I will continue to be active and involved AlfaSeeYa members. We hope to see our old friends and continue to make great new ones at future rallies. SeeYa on down the road!

-- Patty

A new product that might interest some members can help protect in the event of a rear-end collision ... Mohr Mfg's energy absorbing, crash tested, safety ball mount.

According to Mohr Mfg., *"This tri-ball mount will not only cushion trailer towing but it will soften the crash pulse reducing whiplash. Compared to other ball mounts, this one will: 1. soften the crash pulse, 2. decrease the risk of whiplash, 3. reduce occupant acceleration, and 4. protect your family, vehicle and bumper if you happen to get hit from the rear."*

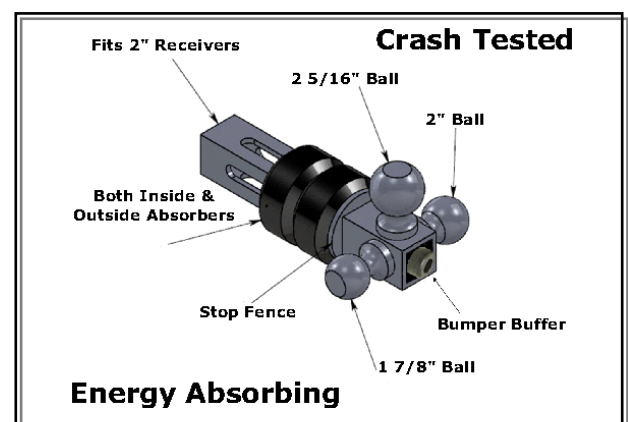
The ball mount is made in the USA, fits all 2" receiver hitches and is available now through the company web site. For more information contact: Jeff Mohr, CEO, Mohr Mfg.

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or visit the company web site:

<http://www.sparebumper.com>



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*.



Smiling faces at the AlfaSeeYas Indio Pre-Rally in January 2011

RALLY CALENDAR -- Upcoming AlfaSeeYas Chapter Rallies

ALFA Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Rally

AlfaSeeYas , Alfa Roadrunners and/or South Loafers Co-sponsored

Dates: September 30 to October 9, 2011

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

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

Balloon Fiesta Website: www.balloonfiesta.com

Rally Fee: Initial **estimate:** 2-person RV \$230.00; 1-person RV/guest \$115.00

Camping Cost: \$225 for 9 nights dry camping (\$30.00 per night w/o discount; \$5.00 discount for 8 nights or more); \$65.00 per night "Premium" parking--30 amp elec. & water. You will make & pay for your own reservations noting "ALFA Group" on your reservation. You can come in early or late to the rally or even move from the Premium parking to the dry camping area.

Mark the dates on your calendar now, and sign up soon -- A **Registration Form** will be in the next issue of the Newsletter, or you can contact the Wagonmasters now -- to experience the world's largest hot air balloon show with your Alfa friends. See over 700 balloons of all shapes and sizes from around the world, participate in some of the best balloon flying conditions anywhere. We are planning on staying at Balloon Fiesta RV dry camping (boondocking) parking area for 10 days/9 nights starting 30 Sept and departing on 9 Oct 2011. The rally is planned for dry camping with dump & water fill trucks available (fee)—and we will discuss how to dry camp your ALFA RV. However, there are upgraded "Premium " sites (30 amp electric & water) that will be located a short distance away from the primary rally site where we will have a large tent (make your reservation for these premium sites early as they go fast).





At the Balloon Field RV parking you can wake up and watch the mass ascension fly over your RV, or shuttle over to the launch area and watch the balloons ascend, or even have balloons land right next to you while you sit at you RV. You can also participate as a member of a balloon chase crew where you help set up, launch, chase, and recover a balloon under the direction of the balloon pilot and crew chief (and sometimes get a no-notice free balloon ride for helping). You can arrange for a commercial balloon ride from the field. Experience 100's of multi-colored hot air balloons of varied shapes ascend together during the special shapes mass ascensions and "glowdeos". Walk among the spectacular evening balloon glow ceremonies and see the superb fireworks shows. Watch as the pilots compete in balloon navigation competition tasks and observe the world's longest cross-country helium filled balloon race start. This is the most photographed event in the world.

Be aware that Albuquerque is above 5,300 ft altitude and some people have experienced breathing difficulties.

The rally fee covers the welcome dinner; the large tent rental; coffee, drinks, fruit, rolls for breakfast each day; 5 entries into the Balloon Fiesta with shuttle bus service; pin & picture mementos; and tour of the Albuquerque Museum & Old Town. Left over funds will go toward a pot-luck farewell dinner .

Planned with the Balloon Fiesta ALFA Rally will be optional tours of Santa Fe, and related Albuquerque area sights. We can visit the Balloon Museum, Native American Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, take the aerial tram to the top of Sandia Peak for lunch, go to the Acoma "Sky City" pueblo, and also visit the Atomic Energy Museum, and eat at one of the best south-western restaurants in Albuquerque—El Pinto.

Many RVers agree that participating in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is one of the top 10 things they have done as RVers.

The Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta is one more thing to cross off your Bucket List. And what a great opportunity to experience this once-in-a-lifetime event ... with your Alfa friends, at a very reasonable cost. [Mark your calendar now](#), and look for the Registration Form in the next Newsletter!



RALLY CALENDAR: FMCA International Conventions and Area 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 <http://www.FMCA.com>.

March 14 to 17, 2011 - [FMCA's 85th Family Reunion](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*
Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, Georgia

May 11 to 15, 2011 - [INTO Area Rally](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*
Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana

INTO (International Area Organization) is the "FMCA Area" for our Chapter, Alfa SeeYas - you can learn more about the organization at the Website <http://intlareaorg.homestead.com>)

May 26 to 30, 2011 - [Great Lakes Area Rally](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*
Berrien County Youth Fair, Berrien Springs, Michigan

June 2 to 5, 2011 - [Northwest Area Rally](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*
Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, Oregon

July 21 to 24, 2011 - **Northeast Area Rally**
Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, Vermont

August 10 to 13, 2011 - [FMCA's 86th Family Reunion](#) « *Click link for info and Register Online*
Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin

September 28 to October 1, 2011 - **South Central Area Rally**
Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

October 11 to 15, 2011 - **Rocky Mountain Area Rally**
San Juan County Fairgrounds–McGee Park, Farmington, New Mexico

October 19 to 23, 2011 - **Eastern Area Rally**
Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston–Salem, North Carolina

~ *Some AlfaSeeYas who parked together at the Indio FMCA Rally* ~



Report on the Pre-Rally and FMCA Western Regional Rally - by Judi Lasater

Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert, CA was the setting once again for the AlfaSeeYas pre-rally to the FMCA Western Area Rally. The pre-rally began on January 7, 2011. As each Alfa arrived (there were a total of 42) it was met with the smiling faces of wagonmasters Mike and Lorraine Lynch and co-wagonmasters Don and Patty Rowe and Vic and Claudia Lively. Most of that day was spent with the usual "arrive, park and set up" routine with a lot of greeting fellow members throughout the day. The evening meal was a catered spaghetti dinner supplied by the campground.

Saturday began with a pancake breakfast. Jon and Martin from the Alfateers arrived around 10 for a question and answer session. Many good topics were discussed.

Gene Brantner set up a best ball golf tournament at the Outdoor Resorts Indio. It was well supported and lots of fun. There was a T-Shirt weaving class during the afternoon, with Belle Bohn doing the instructing. The evening was capped off with a potluck dinner. Too much good food! Maybe we should all become caterers, what do you think? We were also treated to Concertina music by John Filipczak, who has serenaded us many times with his musical talents, and which we always enjoy.

After dinner, John Bohn called the Chapter meeting to order. The main order of business was the election of new officers. John first introduced the outgoing officers:

President: John Bohn
 Vice President: Dave Kiesig
 Secretary: Rhonda Dean
 Treasurer: Belle Bohn
 National Director to FMCA: Tim Dean
 Alternate National Director: Don Rowe

Then the nominees for election were introduced:

President: Randy Scott
 Vice President: Mike Stinson
 Secretary: Terry Scott
 Treasurer: Kathleen Stinson
 National Director to FMCA: Mike Lynch
 Alternate National Director: Larry York

The new slate was voted on and accepted.

Other Chapter Volunteers: Marla Green agreed to replace Patty Rowe as Newsletter Editor, and Tony Monson agreed to continue as the AlfaSeeYas Webmaster.



Belle and John Bohn, Immediate Past Treasurer and President

The AlfaSeeYas have been fortunate to have such dedicated officers for the last four years. We appreciate their countless hours of service to our Chapter, and wish them all the best in the future



Randy Scott and Mike Stinson, newly elected Alfa SeeYas President and Vice President

Sunday and Monday mornings were greeted with the usual coffee and donuts and conversation. A tour to the Palm Springs Air Museum filled Sunday afternoon, followed by a happy hour and a catered dinner that evening. Music was provided again by John Filipczak, this time with additional voice and guitar by Lorraine Lynch. A game of LRC (Left, Right, Center) was set up to finish the evening and the ones who stayed to play had a great time.



Left Right Center, ready to play!

Monday morning was filled with a trip on the Palm Springs Aerial Tram. The view was spectacular. Standing at the bottom of the mountain the snow looked like a dusting but was actually 4 ft deep. Wow! Happy hour again in the evening with a catered dinner to follow. More music by John, and LRC again. The champion of LRC for both nights was Marla Green.

The pre-rally was filled with so many activities that we didn't even have time for the regular "coach walk" which had to be delayed until the Indio FMCA Rally, but I didn't hear one person complain.

In order to be ready for the move to the FMCA Rally on Tuesday January 12, everyone was asked to have empty holding tanks and full water tanks. We met at 7:30 am on Tuesday to caravan to the

Indio Fairgrounds. 38 Alfas lined up for the trip, which is quite a sight. We arrived at the fairgrounds and waited as a group for parking instructions. We took up almost 2 full rows with Alfas and cars.

The FMCA Rally is always a place of interest. Between the AlfaSeeYas happy hours and get-togethers and the FMCA functions, there is never a dull moment. Happy hour every evening at 4 with entertainment provided in the main hall by the FMCA. As you all know, happy hours are a special time to chat, get to know new faces and catch-up with long-time friends and be pleasantly surprised by many delicious "snack" dishes.

The FMCA rally includes many seminars, including cleaning tanks, suspension information, fire and safety classes as well as many craft seminars. If that isn't enough to fill the time, there are two areas full of booths advertising campgrounds, displaying many new and old RV products, and clothing and accessories. There is also a food court and large RV sales lot. It is not possible to be bored at one of these rallies. There was even a parade on Thursday night. Have you ever seen a Road Trek turned into a covered wagon? A lot of work goes into the "floats" for the parade.

The coach walk was finally squeezed into the schedule on Saturday. Every morning, coffee and donuts were available at the AlfaSeeYas site and at the main hall. The mass exodus began early Sunday morning. The usual attendance for the Western Area Rally is between 1000 to 1200 and although we never heard the final count, we estimate it was in that range. If you have never attended either one of these rallies, please keep it in mind and try to make it very soon as it is well worth your money and time. I hope you enjoy the rest of the winter months wherever you may be and have a great summer.

-- Judi Lasater



Alfa SeeYas Chapter members attending the Indio Pre-Rally at Emerald Desert Resort CA

UPCOMING: The 2011 Alfa Annual Rally (sponsored by the Alfa Owners Club)

Plans are in full motion for the 2011 Alfa Annual Rally, to be held April 14–19, 2011, at the [Nevada Treasure RV Resort](#) in Pahrump, Nevada. As you may know, the Alfa Owners Club Chapters are separate from our own FMCA Chapter, the AlfaSeeYas, though many of our members also belong to one of the Owners Club Chapters. This year the Annual Rally is hosted by the Roadrunners. Each Owners Club Chapter will be having a pre-rally at the same RV Resort.

You can find information about this Rally and the Registration Form, at the Roadrunners website, www.alfaroadrunners.net/national_rally.html

Rally Masters Jim and Dorthey Collard report that Roadrunners Chapter members stepped forward to take up committee leadership positions and volunteered for the real work of pulling off a rally of this size. Jim and Dorthey held detailed information-passing meetings with committee

chairs during the Roadrunners January campout in Quartzsite.

The “Alfa Games” competitions that test prowess in free-throw shooting, bowling, putting, bean bag toss, ladder golf (hillbilly golf, flying cahones), golf ball pitching into the swimming pool, and perhaps a surprise or two the Roadrunners might throw in along the way are being carefully planned and calibrated. A golf outing is also planned at the beautiful Mountain Falls Golf Club in Pahrump.

Rally spaces are filling but according to Jim and Dorthey sites are still available.

One of the signature events, the Slot Machine Tournament and awards banquet to be held at the [Nugget Casino](#) is showing a very good response. Some who did not include the event on their registration have asked that the event be added and are mailing in the additional funds. With a

total cost of only \$30, which includes the \$10 tournament “buy-in” as well as \$20 for the awards banquet, Alfa owners are deciding they want to make sure they have a chance at the prize money. First prize will be a minimum of \$500 cash with many other cash prizes also being paid. The more participants there are, the more prize money there will be to distribute.

Another signature event will be the [Alfateers Service Center](#) afternoon barbeque prepared by the Alfateers staff, followed by a street dance hosted by the Roadrunners. The dance will include a DJ playing old favorites, country tunes,

and some contemporary soft rock pieces. There will also be an Ice Cream Social out “by the pool,” a wine tasting hosted by the [Pahrump Winery](#) featuring selections of their fine wines, craft classes, and a number of interesting seminars and tech talks.

Jim and Dorthey say they hope this rally will be among the most memorable. If you’ve never attended an Alfa Annual Rally, you should definitely consider coming to Pahrump. With all that is planned, it’s sure to be a memorable event.



An Important Message from FMCA regarding Member Benefits:

The FMCA national office has learned that an e-mail has been circulating indicating that some FMCA members are not included in our FMCAssist member benefit program. All FMCA members are eligible to receive 24 hour emergency medical evacuation services/assistance under the FMCAssist program regardless of the state where they reside.

-- Judy Czarsty, National Senior Vice President/ Acting National President

For complete information on **FMCAssist** (which is the **emergency medical evacuation** program that replaces Medex), please go to the following link:

<http://www.fmca.com/images/stories/pdf/fmcassist.pdf>

You can print two cards that you can cut out, laminate, and keep in your wallet so that you will have the information with you at all times.

A Video to make you wonder:

I don’t have a “serious” video for you this issue, but I came across this fascinating story and video, and thought I’d share it with you. What do you suppose motivates this fellow?

[Klepto, The Real Life Cat Burglar](#)



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krYChhjJ2xl>

Report on a “Harvest Host” Winery Visit - by Mike Stinson

I’m sure some if not all of you have heard about the [Harvest Host](#) winery camping program. If you haven’t, and you are looking for one night of free camping, you are a wine enthusiast, or are just looking for a new and fun experience, this might be for you. Kathleen and I subscribed after John Bohn, past Alfa SeeYas president, mentioned them in a previous news letter.

We were able to take advantage of the service recently in Temecula, CA, at the [Falkner Winery](#). After a stay in the San Diego area we were on our way to join Randy & Terry Scott for a few days in Laughlin. We had some time to kill on the way north, we like free stuff, and Kathleen is a wine enthusiast, so we thought we would give the Harvest Host program a try. We couldn’t have been more pleased.



Temecula is one of our favorite areas anyway, so when we met Kim and Don Green from Harvest Host at Quartzsite and they mentioned that the Falkner Winery had just been added to their list of hosts, (they have winery and farm hosts across the county including Alaska), we realized the stars had aligned in our favor. I emailed Ray Falkner to ask if we could take advantage of the program at his facility and I received a prompt reply inviting us to come on by. He also said the gate would be locked at five-thirty, but we arrived before two so

it was a non issue. The property also includes **The Pinnacle Restaurant** that uses the view to accentuate the relaxed atmosphere while you try your favorite menu items and sample Falkner Wine. Kathleen says the cole slaw was the best she’s ever had, and my burger was excellent. The service was outstanding, and the prices were well in line with what you would expect at a classy restaurant.

After lunch we took advantage of the wine tasting, and with the help of our server Darlene, and Winery Manager Treetet we were able to get a “taste” of what they produce at the winery. Darlene and Treetet weren’t aware of the Harvest Host program, but that didn’t keep them from treating us like old friends and providing exceptional hospitality.

As promised we were locked in for the night. Just us and the stars above. My morning walk with the dogs came with another surprise as a hot air balloon appeared just above the vineyards of an adjoining winery. These people think of everything!

After another quick visit to the tasting room/gift shop, and a run to town for supplies we reluctantly closed up the Alfa and headed north.

The Harvest Host program seems to be one of those worthy finds amongst the many low cost, discounted, or free services available to RVer’s and although the overnight stay is free I suspect most people will take advantage of food, drink, or souvenirs found at most of the properties. I usually am reluctant to recommend things that I like, or find interesting because everyone has their own ideas and tastes but in this case I would like to urge anyone who hasn’t already looked at the www.harvesthosts.com web site to check it out for themselves.

-- Mike Stinson

The Camp Cook's Corner

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

Thanks to Lexie Huffman for this recipe ... she brought these to a SeeYas Happy Hour, and they are Really Really Good!! And Barbara Goble's Watermelon Fizz sounds like the perfect drink for a warm afternoon!

Stuffed Mushrooms~ from Lexie Huffman

Ingredients – large package of white mushrooms large enough for stuffing. I like the Costco packages when I'm bringing a plate to a get-together. One regular package of your favorite cream cheese (I use neufchatel for less fat). 1 cup shredded cheddar, 1/2 cup parmesan. Extra seasonings include dill weed, chili powder, dried onion flakes, hot sauce, pepper and chives. Salt can always be added later, to taste.

Wash mushrooms and then remove the stems. Pat mushrooms dry and place in glass baking dish (or dishes if you're cooking for a crowd). Now take a small saucepan and add a dab of butter to keep cream cheese from sticking. Put the pan on lowest heat and add cream cheese to soften. Gradually stir in the other cheeses and seasonings. Hold the chives back as a garnish. Once everything is well mixed and softened, remove pan from heat and spoon mixture into each mushroom to slightly above the rim. Oven should be preheated to 325 degrees. Gently sprinkle chives over the mushrooms and place in the oven for 35–45 minutes – just until the cheese begins to bubble and turn lightly golden. Remove and cool slightly before serving or cool to room temperature. Either way, they're great.

Lexie's sister replaces the cheddar and parmesan with blue cheese as a side dish for steaks.

Watermelon Fizz ~ from Barbara Goble

2 cups seedless watermelon chunks
 6 oz limeade frozen concentrate
 1 tbls fresh mint chopped
 10 ice cubes
 2 shots melon vodka Skyy
 1 tbls sugar
 1 whole strawberry garnish per drink

Combine all ingredients in a blender for 40 seconds, except strawberries ... they are garnish.

(You would want 4–5 regular strawberries, or 2 large)





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!

Ed and Helen Burrows

Steve and Joan Cogan

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

DECALS

We now have new *AlfaSeeYas* decals available. These are high quality laser-cut vinyl letters, not the bumper sticker type. If you would like one for your coach's exterior, please email rscott@antelecom.net and Randy will send you one (free) with instructions for applying it!

Notes from Members - Alfa Resources

The following information was posted on one of the Yahoo Message Boards. The person who posted it is not a Chapter member, but the site he set up is a good resource for all.

dale03SeYa1084 writes: "My goal is to have a common area for the **Alfa documentation** which I have collected. So I have created a shared folder inside Google Documents for all the product manuals, service bulletins, operation, Freightliner, CAT, Allison Transmission and other pertinent information which I have collected. By copying and pasting the link below into your browser you will be directed to the folder. Keep a copy of the link. You may/will need a Google Login. Everyone will have access to view, download or print any one of the documents.

<https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B6YxOhJ1PMxRNmYzZDg0YjMtYWU0NC00ZWZkLThiMjYtMWE3MTM3NjM0OWFi&hl=en>

John O'Laughlin writes: "Diana and I are new club members having purchased an Alfa in May. I recently had work done at **Charlie's in Utah** and the outcome was superb. The coach had several complicated problems when I bought it and two other repair facilities failed miserably in their multiple attempts to fix the tough issues. Vickie, Justin, Amanda and crew went well beyond any other repair facility to solve the problems, keep us informed, make sure we were supported while we stayed in the coach in the parking lot, and all at a very fair price. Justin is especially impressive. On two occasions, he built parts from scratch that were no longer available. He was able to solve all electrical problems that others had given up on and we left with a fully functioning coach for the first time since we bought it. Amanda worked extremely hard to get the warranty company to pay their fair share and that is never easy. Please pass on how hard the Dubose family and staff are working to keep Alfa customers happy. "

Helen and Ken Terry write: "Upon recommendation of John Bohn in the July newsletter we made an appointment with Mike Ewing in Loxley, AL on our way to Detroit (he was the closest repair facility for Florida). We have been looking for an honest, reliable and fair price repair facility since we bought our Alfa five years ago. I'm sure you all can relate to that.

We finally found that in Mike Ewing. He's also friendly, outgoing and totally knowledgeable from stem to stern regarding the Alfa and others. He gave us more information on the Alfa than we ever realized existed and even caught defects and repaired them for us at no cost. We highly recommend him.

We then headed south to Hudson, FL (north of Tampa) to [Suncoast Windows](#). This is the second time we have been there to repair our "foggy" windows and we have never seen such an efficient operation. They have wonderful hookups for overnighting and are extremely clean. They also have factory tours. Absolutely first class facility. Thought our readers would like to know. "

Foggy Window Repair: Another Alfa owner reports that RV Fog Dr. in Searcy, AR, is a great place to get your foggy windows repaired. They can be found at <http://www.RVFogDr.com>

Alfa Repair Facilities

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

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

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

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

These **Cummins facilities** offer Power and Water hook-ups and service. With a Cummins Power Club Card they offer Parts and Service Discounts.

<http://www.funroads.com/coachcare> and <http://www.cumminspowerclub.com/index.jsp>

Useful Internet Sites for Alfa Owners

Our Chapter Website Alfa SeeYas.com: www.alfaseeyas.com

You'll find lots of great information , including Rally info, Chapter documents, membership and dues information, past issues of the Newsletter, Tips and Tricks, a Photo Album, and much more!

Family Motorcoach Association: www.fmca.com

Yahoo Message Boards – these are Internet forums where Alfa owners ask questions and exchange information about our coaches. To read the messages, and post your own, you will need to “join” the group (click the blue button that says Join This Group).

Alfa SeeYas: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/alfaseeya/>

SeeYa DP: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SeeYaDP/>

SeeYa Travels: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SeeYaTravels/>

Chapters of the Alfa Owners Club:

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

[South Loafers](#) – Southern California & Arizona

[Mavericks](#) – Central California

Western States Wranglers RV Club – Northern California to Eugene, Oregon

[Sun Seekers](#) – North of Eugene, Oregon, and Washington

[Lone Stars](#) – Texas Area

Alfa One – LA and surrounding area

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

Five Ways Your Cell Phone Can Save You



1. Program your cell so people can find you

If you're lying unconscious somewhere, how would anyone locate you? [Verizon](#), [Sprint](#) and [AT&T](#) all have locators where you can find members of your family.

2. Put your "in case of emergency" contact into your cell phone

The trick here is to put your "ICE" information into your cell in as big and obvious a way as possible. After all, emergency workers are busy trying to save you and can't be spending precious moments browsing through your phone.

Connie Meyer, the incoming president of the National Association of EMTs, suggests putting the "ICE" information into your contact list under "ICE." "Most EMTs know to look for that," says Meyer, a paramedic and registered nurse. "And make sure your ICE contact is someone who really knows your medical history."

Dr. Assaad Sayah, chief of emergency medicine for the Cambridge Health Alliance in Massachusetts, has another suggestion. Many cell phones have a place for information about the owner, such as your name and number, and you can also put your ICE information there. ICE information is especially important for children, says Sayah, because in many cases, emergency rooms can't treat a child without consent from parents. You can put an [ICE sticker](#) on your phone to alert emergency workers that your contact is inside.



There's one problem with all these options: If you password-protect your phone, emergency workers can't find any of this because your phone will be locked.

3. Put your medical information on your cell

If you have a particular medical condition or are taking certain drugs, emergency workers need to know. You can put that information in the same place as your ICE contact, and you can also get an app that stores it. Choose an app that puts the information (or an icon leading to it) on the front screen of your phone so it's easy to find. [Jared](#) makes one for your BlackBerry and [Polka](#) makes one that goes on the front screen of your iPhone, which will work even if your phone is locked.

However, be aware that an old-fashioned, low-tech approach may be best here. Meyer says EMTs will more quickly notice a medical alert bracelet or necklace than anything on your cell phone.

4. Get an app that teaches you first aid and CPR

Several groups, including the [American Heart Association](#), have an app for that (for iPhone and Android).

5. Find help nearby

Several apps, such as [iTriage](#) or [DocGPS](#), will direct you to the nearest emergency room.