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President's Message

-- By Randy Scott – rscott@antelecom.net

As I write this, Terry and I are finishing our recent trip of just over 2 months long - actually the longest trip we have taken in our Alfa. I know many of you have taken much longer trips - we are ending ours not because we are tired of traveling, far from it, we just have some obligations back home. We did see a number of great sights for the first time - such as Bryce Canyon and Yellowstone National Parks, much of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. We also attended several Alfa functions where we had a lot of fun, as well as meeting new or renewing old acquaintances! We had a great time at the AlfaSeeYas Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Rally. Craig and Terilu Christen did a fantastic job as Rally Masters - we are so glad they stepped up last January and volunteered to do so. Their previous experience of attending and being rally masters at the balloon fiesta provided the rest of us with a great experience, especially to those of us who were attending for the first time! We saw balloons launching in the early (!), morning and night time glows from the fiesta field, as well as balloons flying over and even landing in front of our motorhomes!! We had a total of 20 motorhomes at our rally, including several guests and new members too!

IMPORTANT, the deadline for the 2012 Indio pre-rally is **NOVEMBER 30TH**, please contact Lorraine, ASAP, (Registration form at end of this newsletter)

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After Albuquerque, Terry and I traveled to the annual FMCA Rocky Mountain Ramble in Farmington, NM. The folks there put on a great rally (this was our first time attending), with about 400 motorhomes there. One surprise was the well-equipped venue at the fairgrounds - *everyone* had 50 amp power and water! They had a number of interesting seminars and crafts sessions, served breakfast and a dinner, and had nighttime entertainment. After Farmington, Terry and I then attended the South Loafers outing near Tombstone, AZ. We had 17 South Loafers there, plus the couple who serve as park managers at the RV Park who own a 2004 Alfa motorhome! Naturally, they were invited to join us, plus I talked to and gave them information on joining the AlfaSeeYas. They

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will be traveling and moving to their other seasonal work camping area and hope to participate with us in the future.

When we stopped in Tucson, AZ we were greeted by Wayne and Joy Holt, former members of the AlfaSeeYas, and are now living in Tucson. They are very interested in renewing, and want to join the South Loafers and participate in upcoming outings and the Alfa owners' annual rally. I guess the "message" here is that wherever we go, we are liable to see other Alfa owners who are very interested in participating with us, and whom we should invite to do so!

Mentioning the Balloon Fiesta reminds me, Craig and Terilu Christen will not be in the Albuquerque area next year, but have provided Kathleen Stinson, our treasurer, all the info they compiled to plan and conduct the AlfaSeeYas balloon fiesta rally this next year. I remember several folks previously saying they were unable to go this year but hoped we would do it again next year, and several who attended this year would like to do it again. If you would like to go, and would like to be a rally/co-rally wagon master, we would very much like to hear from you. All of our attendees this year pitched in to help while there and I'm sure those attending in the future will also.

We are well underway in obtaining registrations for our pre-rally coming up very soon at Emerald Desert in January 2012, after which we will be caravanning to the FMCA Western Area Rally in Indio. I have been in contact with one of the FMCA Western Area folks about us possibly volunteering at the rally. They would like help in monitoring the seminars, helping out the presenter as needed, handing out questionnaires, and providing an assessment of the seminar, for about 4-5 seminars per volunteer. There is a dinner for all volunteers the night before the rally starts (we will be

caravanning over that day anyway, so we will be there in time for it). We will be contacting those who have signed up for the pre-rally soon to see if our members would like to do so. Naturally, it is voluntary, but since it is likely a number of our folks will be going to the seminars anyway, this may be a very useful way to do our part in helping out. Also, if you are unable to attend our pre-rally, but are joining us at the FMCA rally, please let me know and I will include you in our contact list asking for volunteers.

Terry and I have recently found a new source for AlfaSeeYas chapter jackets and hats (info on the previous source is unavailable). We were able to obtain them at a lower price and yet have them personalized with your first name and in your choice of two colors. We will be posting the info on how to order them on our website in the very near future. Terry and I showed the folks at our Balloon Fiesta rally the samples we had, and received several orders right there! If you would like to order them and get the order to me by the end of November 2011, we should be able to bring your items to our pre-rally in January and save you the shipping charge. We are going to provide a free personalized jacket to anyone who volunteers to be a rally master or co-rally master, in appreciation of their work and in hopes that it will encourage others to volunteer in the future. We are also going to provide a jacket and hat to our chapter officers, so they may 'advertise' our chapter to other Alfa owners and hopefully obtain new chapter members.

As always, we encourage you to provide us with ideas for future Chapter rallies, and hope to see you in January 2012!

~~ Randy

Editor's Note ~~ By Jean Maddux, newsletter editor ~~~~~ jeansalfanews@gmail.com

Autumn is upon us and winter is rapidly approaching. So I guess most of us will be heading to warmer climates real soon. Some of you are probably already there.

Here in Oregon the leaves are starting to change and the air is crisp. I think this is my favorite time of year. Everywhere, the trees change color, but New England has the best color change of all. I am from Connecticut and I would (and sometimes still) get homesick in the fall. We were very fortunate to be able to spend the month of October last year in CT. We also traveled thru New York State, VT, NH and Maine, then down through MA and into CT. What magnificent beauty !!! It is a definite

goal to set for yourselves, to travel to New England in the fall. It is a 'Must See'.

I understand the 'Balloon Festival' in NM was a huge success. We were not able to attend but do hope to go next year. What I hear, it is also a 'Must See'. Be sure and read the article by Denise Laurion Gray, starting on page 4.

We hope to see you all at the FMCA Rally in Indio, CA next January. And don't forget the Alfa Owners Club annual rally in AZ

Have safe travels and stay warm this winter.

~~ Jean

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.

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*.

ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

By Denise Laurion Gray

40 participants in 20 rigs made a check mark on their bucket list at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta October 1- 9. Neither pictures nor words adequately convey the beauty and fun of watching 500-600 hot air balloons gently traveling above your head and coach.



A parade of Alfas', and a few SOBs (Some Other Brand) descended upon the ABQ Fiesta RV Park on Friday morning September 30th. Wagon masters Craig and Terilu Christen guided them with military precision into a straight formation of 6 inches from the road line.

At the afternoon welcome meeting, Craig discussed successful boon-docking, reviewing and taking questions about the boon-docking instructional email all participants received prior to arrival. Boon-docking for 9 days

was much easier than most of us had anticipated with trepidation. Personally, Bob and I left with fresh water still in the tank, and room in both the black and gray water tanks. So boon-docking for an extended period was another check on our bucket list!

For those that needed it, fresh water trucks traveled through the park each day, along with a Schwan's truck, newspaper carriers, RV repair technicians, and RV merchandise vendors. By Wednesday, there was a running joke going about a 'group dump'. If several rigs coordinated, there was a discount for the rigs that chose the 'group dump' option.

The Fiesta officially began Saturday morning October 1st with the opening ceremonies and Mass Ascension. Most of us attended and watched from the launch field as the Fiesta coordinated breaking the Guinness World Book record for the most balloons to launch within one hour, stealing the record back from the French, who had beaten the ABQ record a few years before.



The ABQ Fiesta is one of the rare events where not only are you allowed to walk on the field, but you are actively encouraged to participate in 'crewing' for a balloon team. Craig and Terilu encouraged all rally participants to sign up to 'crew' for a team. In doing so, you were given a 'crew pass' which allowed you to access the events several times a day. The rally covered 5 tickets for the events, and a ticket is required at each morning and evening event. Many of us turned our tickets back in to Craig, saving money for the rally and the Alfa See Ya's.

Since the balloons launch early in the morning, most of the morning events were completed by 10 AM. There were plenty of food and merchandise vendors for your browsing pleasure. Favorite food vendors were JR's

breakfast burritos and the huge Dutch Boy doughnuts. Numerous vendors offered jewelry, pottery, art, t-shirts, sweaters, and other interesting items to assist you in donating money to the local economy.

In the evening, many of us returned to the Fiesta Park for the “Balloon Glow” and “Afterglow Fireworks”.



Travel to Fiesta Park was via shoe leather express or taking the buses that traveled through the park on a regular basis. The buses had a dedicated lane, so the ride was a short one, with riders not being delayed by the heavy morning and evening traffic. One evening our driver had us singing songs and in a competition with another bus for most enthusiastic bus riders, an interesting experience!

Each morning from 7-9 (with coffee starting at 5:30) Craig hosted a Continental Breakfast in our Rally Tent. In the afternoon, each day, we had 'happy hour' where we reviewed our day's activities. We had an excellent

opening evening catered dinner. The caterers were a Native American couple, who graciously spent an extra hour discussing their heritage with our group. On our last evening, we had a delicious gourmet pizza dinner, paid for by money saved by the 'crew team' members.

Crewing for a team was not as physically demanding as you would assume. It consisted of assisting the crew with laying out the balloon 'envelope', holding ropes, holding down the basket, and riding in the chase vehicle. At the landing, each of the previous activities was completed in reverse. The most strenuous part was the tail gate party, where you were forced to consume excess amounts of food, champagne, margaritas and pina colada's. It was strenuous, but Alfa See Ya's are a tough group and we made it through with adding only one notch to our belt buckles.

Many days the balloons landed in or behind the RV Park, giving those who did not 'crew' for a team, the opportunity to witness and participate in a balloon landing. Sitting in front of your motor home, sipping coffee, tea or cocoa, while watching the show overhead was a favorite activity.



Other rally activities included optional group trips to The Pueblo Cultural Center, a train trip to Santa Fe with a professional tour guide, riding up the Sandia Tram with lunch at the mountain top, visiting the ABQ History Museum, a walking tour of Old Town ABQ, visiting the Balloon Museum, discounted buffet lunch at a

casino, touring the Atomic Energy Museum, and a golfing expedition. On Wednesday afternoon, we had the Coach Walk, where we microscopically examined each participating rig, for decorating ideas.

Friday evening, also with saved rally money, we had a gift exchange. Much laughter and stealing occurred during the game, matched by the trading afterwards.

Thanks go to many people, including those who volunteered their generators and gas for our lights and coffee, cleaned up after the breakfasts and dinners, worked with others who had coach issues, scrubbed and vacuumed for the coach walk and used their cars for carpools. Very special thanks go to our Wagon Masters, Craig and Terilu Christen for all their preparation and hard work.

So update your bucket list, because several members have already expressed interest in a balloon fiesta rally next year. Unfortunately, Craig and Terilu won't be able to be our wagon masters next year, but provided an extensive record of what they did this year. We are very interested in obtaining volunteers for next year. Please contact us if you are interested in attending and being a wagon master. Watch the newsletter and the website for the information. Happy Trails and see you in ABQ October 5-14, 2012.

Denise Gray



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Why Seniors Break Their Hips

Just click on the center of the above box and turn up the volume !!

(I hope it works for you.....)

A Police STOP at 2 AM

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies. . . "That would be my wife."

A VERY important note from your editor: Jean Maddux jeansalfanews@gmail.com

I am asking all of you to please, please, please, send me something to put in the newsletter. Anything at all that might be interesting. Places you have been or are going, products you have tried and liked or didn't like, RV parks you recommend or don't recommend, recipes. Anything. I need stuff !!! If everyone sent me ONE thing, I would have enough for the next two years and wouldn't need to ask again for a while. So, I am thanking you all ahead of time..... THANKS, Jean

BEING THANKFUL

There is always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.....

2012 ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY

Hi, I am Larry York. Shirley and I are the Rally Masters for the 2012 Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally. We appreciate Randy giving us the opportunity to provide you with some information about the 2012 Rally

The Rally will be held April 12th - 17th, 2012. This years' Rally theme is "Mining for Gold". Therefore it is fitting that the location of our Rally is at the Canyon Vistas RV Resort (a Cal-AM Resort) located in Gold Canyon, AZ.

Gold Canyon is an unincorporated community located about 40 minutes east of the Phoenix Sky Harbor airport at the foot of the beautiful Superstition Mountains-supposedly the site of the Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine.

Enclosed is a registration form for this years' Rally. The fees consist of:

- Basic registration fee - covers two people per rig, includes two commemorative Rally patches per rig, a welcome packet, three catered meals, coffee and donuts each morning, an ice cream social, a wine and cheese tasting, a pet parade, door prizes, Chapter gift basket drawings, and raffle prizes. Both of you will also have access to Rally activities which include: craft classes (there will be an additional fee collected at the Rally for specific classes), seminars, vendors, pool aerobics and

walks each morning, an open house/coach walk and yard sale, a used book sale (please bring your used books to donate to the sale), and a BBQ sponsored by Alfateers RV Service Center.

- Park fee - site rent for six nights with full hook ups including taxes. Note that this rate will be good for five days prior to and after the Rally provided the dates are
- attached to the Rally dates. If you want to arrive prior to the Rally and/or stay after the Rally, you should make those arrangements direct with the Resort. Please note, that you may have to move when the Rally starts or after it ends if the Resort has the site reserved for someone else.
- Optional fees -
 - Ladies Luncheon - lunch for one person, plus the opportunity to win a raffle prize.
 - Non-Chapter Member - additional fee for attendees who are not currently members of one of the six Alfa Owners' Club Chapters. For those who join a Chapter prior to or during the Rally, we will refund this fee.
 - Additional people - additional fee for each person over the two who are registered for the Rally.
 - Extra 2012 Rally Patches - for those who would like additional Rally patches over the two that are included with your registration fee.

We will have a golf tournament during the Rally. As soon as it is set-up we will provide you the cost to participate in the tournament and ask if you will participate or not prior to the Rally. Fees will be collected at the welcome desk when you arrive at the Rally.

We also plan on having a vendor on-site for rig/vehicle washes and waxes. Those who want their rig and/or tow vehicle washed or washed and waxed can sign-up and pay at the welcome desk when you arrive.

In addition, we MAY have additional on - off site activities that may require a fee. In the event we do offer additional activities, we will have sign-up sheet(s) at the welcome desk and any fees will be paid when you sign-up.

Alfateers RV Service Center will also be on-site to provide service and selected installations during the Rally. Separate sign-up and information/price sheets are available for those that need service or want something new installed or replaced on their rig. I urge you to sign-up as soon as possible as their work schedule gets full quickly.

Space is limited as we can only accommodate 120 rigs, therefore, if you are planning on attending the Rally, you should send your registration in as soon as possible.

RALLY CALENDAR: FMCA International Conventions and Area Rallies**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.

January 11th to 15th, 2012–Western Area Rally**Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio, California****Rally Fees – US Funds Only (this rally only)**

	<u>Pre-registered</u>	<u>After 12/30/2011</u>
Coach with 2 adults	\$125	\$135
Coach with 1 adult	\$115	\$125
Each additional guest	\$40	\$50
Children under 12	Free	Free
*Passport for 2 adults	\$70	\$80
*Passport for 1 adult	\$55	\$65

Optional Handicap Electric and General Electric Parking 20-30 amp only (Check at gate for availability, payable on arrival)

*No Motorhome Parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials and coffee hour.

Refunds will be given only upon written request if received no later than 12/23/2011. A cancellation charge of \$10 will be deducted from any amount. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned with request.

Registration after 12/22/2011 will be held at will call.

February 1st to 5th, 2012– Southeast Area Rally**Hernando County Airport, Brooksville, Florida****May 24th to 28th, 2012– Great Lakes Area Rally****Berrien County Youth Fair, Berrien Springs, Michigan****June 21st to 24th, 2012– Northwest Area Rally****The Mill Casino on Coos Bay, North Bend, Oregon****July 19th to 22nd, 2012 – Northeast Area Rally****Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, Vermont****August 27th to 30th, 2012– FMCA's 87th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase****Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana****September 26th to 30th, 2012– South Central Area Rally****Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma**

RALLY CALENDAR -- Upcoming AlfaSeeYas Chapter Rallies**INDIO PRE-RALLY****STILL TIME TO SIGN UP !!!!****DATES:** January 6 to 10, 2012**LOCATION:** Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA**WAGONMASTERS:** Mike & Lorraine Lynch, (928) 772-3637, lorrainelynch@gmail.com**SOUTH LOAFERS CHAPTER OUTINGS****DATES:** January 19 to 23, 2012**LOCATION:** BLM Land, Quartzsite, AZ **Non-members/guests/SOBs may attend.****WAGONMASTERS:** Bruce & Corinne Mitchell (714) 803-9648 bmitch7774@aol.com**DRY CAMPING--COME PREPARED****ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY****DATES:** April 12 to 17, 2012**LOCATION:** Canyon Vistas RV Resort, Gold Canyon, AZ **Non-members/guests/SOBs may NOT attend.****WAGONMASTERS:** Larry & Shirley York (520) 266-0044 lyork6@cox.net**CHAPTERS POST-RALLY****DATES:** April 18 to 22, 2012**LOCATION:** Canyon Vistas RV Resort, Gold Canyon, AZ **Non-members/guests/SOBs may attend.****CO-WAGONMASTERS:** Harlan & Bonna Steinle (970) 749-0426 hsteinle@hbsteinle.comLarry & Shirley York (520) 266-0044 lyork6@cox.net**JUNE OUTING****DATES:** June 2012**LOCATION:** Sparks Marina RV Park, Sparks, NV **Non-members/guests/SOBs may attend.****CO-WAGONMASTERS:** David & Judy Sabol (909) 595-6864 darlamae11@aol.com**NEED A CO-WAGONMASTER****AUGUST OUTING****DATES:** TO BE ANNOUNCED**LOCATION:** TO BE ANNOUNCED**Non-members/guests/SOBs may attend.****NEED A WAGONMASTER****OCTOBER OUTING****DATES:** October 21 to 26, 2012**LOCATION:** Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA **Non-members/guests/SOBs may attend.****CO-WAGONMASTERS:** Ron & Marla Green (239) 688-2367 ronatchulavista@cox.netJim & Carol Vandepas (714) 282-1744 jwvcav@aol.com

Personal Ads for members:

We will be allowing Alfa SeeYas members to place personal ads in our future chapter newsletters. "RULES" for the ads will be:

- Ads must be for selling or wanting motorhomes, toads or related items
- Maximum of 50 words per ad
- Be sure to include your contact information (e.g., phone number, address and/or email address)
- There will be no cost for the ads
- There is limited space in each newsletter, therefore ads will be placed on a first received basis. Any received once the available space is filled will be put in the next newsletter issue. Please email or snail mail your ads to our newsletter editor Jean Maddux, at email: jeansalfanews@gmail.com, or snail mail: **79370 Hwy 99N, Cottage Grove, OR 97424**
- Please let Jean know ASAP if you have sold or obtained your wanted item, so she can delete it from the newsletter if there is time before it is published

FOR SALE: 2005 Alfa See Ya, 36 feet, diesel, 25,000 miles, washer dryer combo. We have not added anything but it is in very good condition. It has all the bells and whistles that all the Alfas' have. We are asking \$95,000. We live in Cathedral City, CA. You may contact us by email: wtiffmolly@aol.com or call 760-202-0919. My name is Roxanne Wallen.

Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes rise to the stars.

The Camp Cook's Corner

Calling all motorhome chefs: Please send some of your recipes —email jeansalfanews@gmail.com 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 ???



Pork Chops Mexicana

Prep: 10 min. | Total: 23 min.

- 4 boneless pork chops (1 lb.), 1/2-in.-thick
- 1 1/4 cups Taco Bell Home Originals Salsa
- 1/2 cup finely chopped Planters Cocktail Peanuts
- 1 tsp. unsweetened cocoa
- 1/8 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro or green onions

COOK chops in large nonstick skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium-high heat 2 to 3 min. on each side or until browned on both sides.

COMBINE salsa, peanuts, cocoa and cinnamon; spoon over chops. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5 min. or until chops are no longer pink in the center and sauce is thickened, turning chops over and stirring sauce after 3 min.

SPRINKLE with cilantro.

Makes 4 servings.

CAL 290, FAT 16 g (sat 3.5 g), CHOL 55 mg, SODIUM 710 mg, CARB 10 g, FIBER 3 g, SUGARS 5 g, PROTEIN 28 g, DV VIT A 8%, DV VIT C 4%, DV CALCIUM 6%, DV IRON 8%

 *Unsweetened cocoa in this sauce imparts the flavor of a traditional Mexican "mole" sauce. For even more zest, sprinkle 1 tsp. ground cumin or chili powder evenly over the chops before browning.*

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A Christmas Toast

By Kelly Ranger

After putting up our Christmas tree on a Sunday evening, I told my two sons that it was time to get ready for bed. Justin said he thought it would be nice to sit as a family and admire the tree together. He asked if we could all do that for a minute before bed. Although it was late, I decided to let him have the minute he wanted. I told him it was a great idea and I suggested we have a drink of eggnog by the tree and have a "toast" to welcome the Christmas season. He was so excited, he ran to the kitchen and got the eggnog from the fridge. I got my best crystal liquor glasses and he filled them up. I took the glasses to the coffee table by the tree and called for my older son, who had left the room. Once we were seated by the tree, with our eggnog, I again called for Justin. For some reason he had not come back into the living-room after pouring the eggnog.

Justin answered by saying, "I'm coming Mom, it'll just be a minute, the toast is almost done!" He was in the kitchen making toast! My husband and I could barely contain our laughter as Justin emerged from the kitchen with a plate on which he had a slice of toast, torn into four pieces, and exclaimed "Okay, we're ready now, I've got the Christmas Toast!" We sat by the tree, drinking our eggnog and eating a piece of dry toast while admiring the tree. We still haven't told him what "to make a toast" means as he was so proud of himself for what he had done. The look on his face that evening still brings tears to my eyes. He was so happy and I was so happy I didn't insist on them going to bed right away like I normally would have. I learned that sometimes when you give a minute, you can gain a lot more.

From A Cup of Chicken Soup for the Soul



A warm welcome to our newest AlfaSeeYas members. To paraphrase Sonny Gillespie, President of our FMCA association, the International Area Organization (aka INTO): *"The most important member of the AlfaSeeYas is the newest member."* Thanks so much for joining us!

Tom Booth

Dough & Marion Crocker

Phil & Nancy Gates

Craig & Merikay MacKenna

Raimund & Barbara Vaughn

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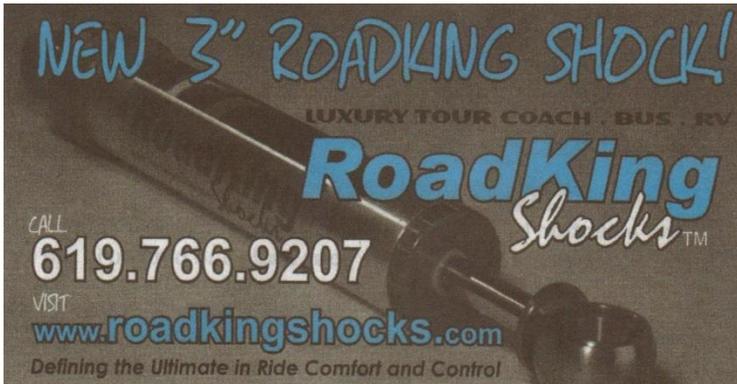
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Membership is \$10 per year.
Multiple year renewals are encouraged at \$10 per year.

HAVE YOU HAD AN EXCITING MOMENT ??

Tell me your most exciting, (remember, exciting is not always good), moment in your motorhome. Have you done something funny, something dumb, or something you are glad no one saw you do? Tell me about it and I will put it into the newsletteranonymously if you wish. Send to jeansalfanews@gmail.com.

Notes from Members - Alfa Resources



Jerry Wood installed these shocks on his 2004 Alfa. He says it is the best thing he has done to his motorhome. He says the motorhome just drives like a dream. A little spendy but sure was worth the money.

Dear Alfa chapters,

We have invited your chapter points of contact to send AlfaSeeYas chapter newsletter editor, Jean Maddux jeansalfanews@gmail.com information on your future outings, so that we can publish them in our chapter quarterly newsletter. As President of the FMCA AlfaSeeYas Chapter, and as a member of the Alfa South Loafers owners chapter, I realize that some functions are exclusive to only chapter members or Alfa Owners, but in other cases I know we have been encouraging other Alfa owners, as well as guests and SOBs, to attend. That way, we have the opportunity to make new friends, sign up new members, and maybe even get better group rates if we have a larger attendance. Also, since many of us are members of several chapters, we may be able to minimize schedule conflicts, as well as maybe go from one outing to another. For those outings you are planning for which other Alfa owners or guests/SOBs are invited, please provide to Jean: Outing titles, dates, whether other Alfa Owners and/or guests/SOBs are invited, and a point of contact/website for more information.

We TRY to publish our newsletter quarterly, so whenever you have an update, please send it to Jean, and she will put it in the next one to be published.

Thanks,

Randy Scott

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

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 Motor coach 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 , & Nevada

[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



AlfaSeeYas Indio Pre-Rally

January 6 to 10, 2012, Emerald Desert RV Resort

Prior to FMCA Western Region Rally

Come to The Desert and enjoy the January sunshine, with average temperatures at 72°. Visit old friends, and make new ones. Take a tour to learn about windmill operations and the geology of the area. Play a round of golf, or learn to crochet. In addition to these great activities planned for the Pre-Rally, we will convoy as a group to the FMCA Rally at the Indio Fairgrounds, this allows us to camp together “on the grass” close to the activities, and continue socializing with Alfa friends, happy hours and all. Wagon Masters are Mike and Lorraine Lynch (assisted by Pat and Barb Pintus). Space is limited for this very popular rally, so register early! We hope to see you there!

Registration Form is in this Newsletter, and online at <http://www.AlfaSeeYas.com>

Rally Fee of \$312.00 Includes:
4 nights with full hookups at Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert CA
1 catered breakfast 2 continental breakfasts 3 catered dinners Bring your own meat to grill & dish to share meal
Optional Tour: Windmill Tour (\$20 per person with full bus) Regular price: \$27/senior 65 and older, \$30/adult
Question & Answer session with the experts, Jon and Martin of Alfateers
Optional Golf: Cathedral City Golf Course \$32 per person Prizes will be awarded.

Rally Agenda

Friday, Jan 6, 2012 – Arrival Day

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

Saturday, Jan 7, 2012

7 – 9 am	Campground sponsored breakfast
9 – 10 am	Alfa SeeYas Chapter business meeting
10 – 11 am	Question/Answer time, and Updates with Alfateers
11 - 12 pm	Tech Talk

Lunch on your own

1 - 4 pm	Optional Tour: Windmills & More (Escorted tour via bus with expert guide to tell us about operations, features of the windmills, geology, weather in the area and lots more...
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Campground sponsored dinner followed by entertainment

Sunday, Jan 8, 2012

7:30 – 9 am	Coffee and rolls
1 – 3 pm	Coach Walk
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share

Monday, Jan 9, 2012

7:30 – 9 am	Coffee and rolls
10 - 12 pm	Craft (Learn to crochet) with Terry Scott (Yarn and crochet hook are included in \$3 cost)
12 - 5 pm	Optional Golf: Cathedral City Golf Course
4:30 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
5:30 pm	Campground sponsored dinner

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2012 Departure Day -

7:30 am	Line up to caravan to FMCA Rally at Indio Fairgrounds
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AlfaSeeYas Indio FMCA Pre-Rally, January 6 - 10, 2012 - Palm Desert, CA - Registration Form
Wagon Masters Mike & Lorraine Lynch & Assistant Wagon Masters Pat & Barb Pintus

Names (as you want to appear on badge) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone # _____ Home Phone# _____

Email Address: _____

Rally Fee (\$210 camping/coach for 4 nights + \$51/person for 4 catered meals including tax & tip): \$ 312.00

_____ Additional people at \$51.00 per person (for meals) \$ _____

Park Pet Fee \$2/per day/per pet (2 pets maximum) _____ pets @ \$8.00 each \$ _____

*Optional Tour: Windmill Tour @ \$20 per person **IF bus is full!** Limited to the first 21 people to sign up. (Regular price: \$27.00 seniors 65 & older, \$30.00 adult)*

We are asking for the regular price NOW, and if we have a full bus, we will refund the balance at the rally. _____ people @ \$30.00 _____ people @ \$27.00 \$ _____

Golf (At Cathedral City Golf Course) @ \$32.00 per person (includes prizes) \$ _____

Craft (Learn how to Crochet - yarn & crochet hook will be provided) @ \$3.00 per person \$ _____

TOTAL, including Rally Fee, Extra People, Pet Fee, Tour Fee, Golf, Craft: \$ _____

Make your check payable to **AlfaSeeYas** for the total amount above, and send with this form to:

Mike Lynch, Wagon Master
 7760 E. State Rte. 69
 Ste. C5-244
 Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Questions? email Lorraine -
lornainellynch@gmail.com or
 phone Lorraine at 928-772-3637
 or Mike at 928-710-3681

Deadlines: Total space at the park is limited to 30 coaches. Reservation deadline to your Wagon Master is **no later than November 30, 2011!!**

Guests are welcome to all functions, provided you contact the Wagon Master prior to the rally to insure that costs are met and food is available.

Cancellation Policy: There is a \$10.00 cancellation charge. However, if the rally has incurred non-refundable costs on your part (e.g. one night site reservation fee), these will be deducted from your refund unless there is a waiting list and your space can be filled.

Park Information: If you want to arrive early or stay after the rally, you may arrange for additional days with the RV park. The group discount will be honored a maximum of 2 nights on either side of the rally.

[Emerald Desert RV Resort](#) in Palm Desert, CA: (760) 345-4770 ext. 7002 or (800) 426-4678

No children under the age of 18 are allowed.

NOTE: You must register separately for the FMCA Western Area Rally, at the [FMCA website](#). We will convoy to the FMCA Rally on January 10, a day early intentionally, to insure we have parking together "on the grass" which is near the activities, with electric available. There will be a one-day additional FMCA parking fee of \$15 to be collected by the Wagon Master at the Pre-Rally. We will collect for electric at that time as well (usually \$40 for the entire FMCA Rally).

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

2012 Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally

April 12 – April 17, 2012

Canyon Vistas RV Resort

6601 East Highway 60
Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

Phone: (480) 288-8844

Fax: (480) 648-5590

Web Site: <http://www.canyonvistasrv.com>

Rally Masters:

Larry and Shirley York

1211 Heather Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Home Phone: (520) 459-2184

Cell Phone: (520) 266-0044 or (520) 266-0045

Email: lyork6@cox.net

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Chapter Membership(s) (if a member): _____

Which Chapter would you like to park with? _____

Type and Size Alfa: 5th Wheel: ___ Motorhome ___ Length of Rig: ___ First Timer: Yes or No

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email: _____

Additional Peoples' Name(s) _____

Registration Fee: (2 people per Alfa rig)	\$145.00
Park Fee: (6 nights at \$26.93 – includes tax)	\$161.58
Ladies' Luncheon: \$10.00 each X _____	\$ _____
Non-Chapter Member Fee* \$25.00 per rig	\$ _____
Additional People: \$70.00 each X _____	\$ _____
Extra 2012 Rally Patches: \$5.00 each X _____	\$ _____

Total Payable to `Arthur L. York' \$ _____

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

Please send your check for the total amount due, payable to `Arthur L. York' (include `2012 AOC Rally' on the memo line) with the completed registration form to:

Larry and Shirley York
1211 Heather Drive
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

RALLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Checks and Registration forms must be received no later than: **January 31st**

There will be NO shortened stay or reduced fee on the Rally Registration Form. If you wish to arrive early or depart late, the Rally rate of \$26.93 per night applies to all days before and all days after the Rally as long as the dates are attached to the rally dates. You must **make all extended dates and arrangements directly with the Canyon Vistas RV Resort.**

The Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally is a **Social Event** hosted by the Alfa Owners' Club. **Attendees must be staying at the Resort in an Alfa RV.**

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

SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAKE SECOND COPY OF REGISTRATION FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS