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## President's Message

by Ray Zimmermann

Now that spring is about to turn to summer, it looks like the weather is warming up in many parts of the country where winter has lingered well past its expiration date. Here in my part of Arizona, we are already seeing triple-digit temperatures. Hopefully you are using your coaches to find your way to nice weather, or at least making plans to do so.

There are a variety of things I want to comment on in this column, so please bear with my verbal meandering.

The first thing I want to do is welcome and thank Jeannette Harper, the new editor of this newsletter. Jeannette, who is already our AlfaSeeYas webmaster, volunteered to produce the newsletter as well. As I have pointed out many times, this chapter only works through the efforts of volunteers, and we all owe thanks to Jeannette for agreeing to take on this important job.

You can help Jeannette by sending her articles and ideas for the newsletter. If you do this, you will find that it is easier than you think. Just write up something that would be of interest to other members – an off-beat place to visit, a useful travel tip, a “lessons learned” story - - you get the idea. Don't worry about making it fancy; just put it in an e-mail and send to Jeannette.



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My most recent trip took me to the annual Alfa Owners Club rally in Hemet, California in April. After missing the rally last year, it was good to see many old friends again, and make some new ones. You can read an article on the rally elsewhere in this newsletter.

As noted in the last issue of the newsletter, the AlfaSeeYas has opened its membership to include owners of Alfa Leisure 5<sup>th</sup> wheels. I'm pleased to report we signed up two 5<sup>th</sup> wheel couples while at the Hemet rally. Craig and Nancy McDowell from Idaho have the distinction of being the first towable members of our chapter.



Speaking of rallies, it won't be long until the big FMCA summer event, the 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention and RV Expo at Gillette, Wyoming from July 18-21. It should be a fun time. If you plan to be there, please let Dale Manners know - - he will be our chapter representative at the convention. You can find his contact information in a separate article.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information and the registration form for an AlfaSeeYas Chapter outing in Hagerman, Idaho in September. Chapter Vice President Randy Scott is organizing this event, which I personally am looking forward to. It has been a long time since we have had something in this part of the country, so we hope to see some folks who have not been able to make it to other rallies and outings. And note that guests are welcome, so you can bring your non-Alfa friends and family members.

It would be great if we could see more outings like this in different parts of the country. Our chapter has members throughout the U.S. and Canada, and I think many would like to meet with other Alfa owners if they didn't have to drive cross-country to do it. What we need is for someone to step up and agree to organize an event in a location that would be good for an outing. It works best if the

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Craig and Nancy McDowell, F481828, Livingston TX

Clyde Miller and Kay Aerts-Miller, F481830, Park City UT

Jim and Becky Heath, F440963, Livingston TX

Malcolm and Linda Kelman, F423871, Burbank CA

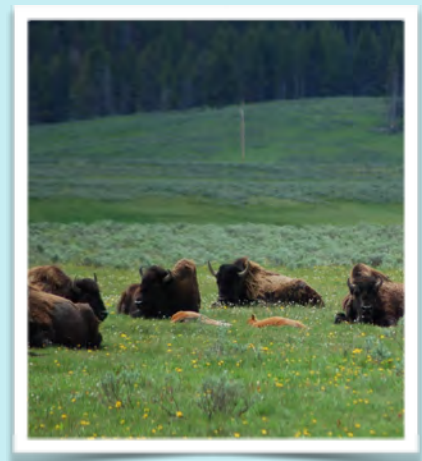
Tom and Sue Rogers, F470361, Manteca CA

Roy and Vicki Jones, F482340, Nipomo CA

John Reay and Patricia Hoffman, F483229, Long Beach CA

Glen and Suzi Smith, F437637, Crestview FL

Harold and Patricia Dyck, F99916D, Rivers, MB



wagon masters are familiar with the location and close enough to deal in person with the venue. If you have any ideas along these lines, please contact me; we can help you get started.

I'm still working on my summer travel plans, but I will probably spend August in Colorado, most of September in Utah and then head to Idaho for the chapter outing at Hagerman. I wish you have a safe, happy and healthy summer, wherever your travels may take you.

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## Editor's Notes

by *Jeannette Harper*

Greetings and salutations! I would like to introduce myself as the new Newsletter editor! (If you didn't know, I am also the chapter webmaster so hopefully you have been visiting the [AlfaSeeYas](#) website often!)



My husband, Norm, and I decided to start our 'adventure' in RVing while I was still working for the State of California. I confess, I had never EVER been camping in my life! Norm convinced me being in an RV was quite different than being in a tent so I agreed. We searched around and found a lovely Class C motorhome for our first RV. After traveling all the way to Buffalo NY and parts in between for our first trip I was hooked! We managed additional trips and when I retired we decided to venture into the world of 'full time' RVing.

As you can guess, that little Class C was too small for full time living! (At the time we had both a large dog and a cockatiel in a cage...) Norm had looked around for many years and kept talking 'Alfa' so we ended up purchasing a 2003 SeeYa. (It's amazing what a difference a couple more feet and 2 slides makes!) Norm is a very tall guy and really liked the idea that the Alfa was made for folks like him!

After 5 ½ years I realized I really missed my flower gardens and having a place to come 'home' to at the end of a trip. With that in mind we knew Northern California, where we were pretty much based out of, would no longer do. Both of us were tired of the 100° + temps in the summers. During the last couple years we were actually 'looking' for a place to call home and decided the Southern Oregon coast was it. (Beautiful Prescott AZ would have been our first choice but surprisingly, the elevation negatively affected our sinuses and we had to look elsewhere.)

This past October we purchased a home near Bandon Oregon. (Every property we looked at HAD to have room to park our big rig and this place is perfect!) Over the next year we think we will be building a cover of some sort but haven't yet decided on a final design.

I have created newsletters at various jobs and I am looking forward to sharing tips, news, and such with you in this new format as well as the AlfaSeeYas website! As Ray mentioned, let me know if there is something YOU would like to share (or something you would like to see)!!

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### **Tech Notes** - New Alfa Owners Internet Forum Replacing Yahoo Sites

Since the early days of Alfa motor homes, there have been a couple of vibrant forums on Yahoo where owners could exchange information and help each other resolve problems. Sadly, for some time now these forums have experienced serious technical problems which have made it more and more difficult to post and answer messages in a timely manner. There is some concern as to how long these forums will even continue to exist.

For these reasons, Dave Rypma recently established a new Alfa owners group on the website “groups.io.” Several hundred members have already joined the new group, and the experience so far has been problem free and much smoother than was the case with Yahoo. Dave is working on migrating the message archive, files and other material from the Yahoo sites to the groups.io site.

If you are an Alfa motor home owner, the best thing you can do is join the “alfaseeya” group on groups.io now. Many of the top Alfa experts have stopped monitoring the Yahoo sites, so you need to go to the new site if you need help or just want to keep up with what is going on with Alfa motor homes.

To see the website and join the new group:

- In your web browser, go to <https://groups.io/g/alfaseeya>.
- When the AlfaSeeYa home page appears, scroll to the bottom and click the blue “Join this Group” button.
- On the next page, enter your e-mail address and follow the instructions.

Alternatively, you can join by simply sending an e-mail to [alfaseeya+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:alfaseeya+subscribe@groups.io); put “*sign me up for alfaseeya@groups.io*” in the subject. Including your name is also a help. Once the moderators get your request, they will send you an ‘invite’ that contains a link; you click the link and you are a member.

Once you have joined, you have options for receiving messages from the group. To do this, click on “Subscription” on the left side of the group home page. You can receive each message as an individual e-mail, in groups of 12, or one e-mail summary per day. You can also set your preference to “special notices only”; if you do this, you will not see any member postings unless you visit the website.

**Please note:** the first message you send will be moderated (an anti-SPAM mechanism), so be patient for that first message to post! Following messages should be a lot faster than Yahoo Groups.

## Have You Downloaded the Freightliner App?

Geared toward RV owners, the next generation of the 24/7 Direct app seamlessly connects you to a wealth of resources for your chassis and your journey. And as always, you'll be empowered to locate a dealer and contact FCCC 24/7 Direct factory technicians with one click – anytime, anywhere.

### 24/7 DIRECT

- Call or email FCCC technicians 24/7, locate servicing dealers, and provide feedback on service experiences.
- Store maintenance logs in the cloud and share them across devices
- Access service checklists, owner and maintenance manuals, dash light descriptions, FAQs and more.

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## Tech Talk

by Dale M. Prichard

**Maintenance:** main·te·nance (Noun) *The process of maintaining or preserving someone or something, or the state of being maintained.*

Alright, so I was asked to write a tech article, so this is what you are going to get. Maintenance, so what is it, how do you do it and how do we decide when to do it. Most of us understand maintenance of a vehicle: lubrication, oil filter, air filter, fuel filter, and of course, brakes.

But what about our Alfa's you ask. Surely you don't think our Alfa's need maintenance? To keep our Alfa's in tip top condition, there are a few things we need to learn and remember: Time, Sight, Smell, and yes even Hearing, are all we need to do for our maintenance.

**Sight** - well what about sight? Let's take a look at the batteries. Why are batteries needed inside our coach? The motorhome 12-volt system includes components that consume electrical power from the engine alternator, an inverter/charger, or one of three banks of batteries:

- Automotive electrical components like the instrument panel, headlights, turn signals, engine computers and driving controls are supplied power from the engine alternator or the chassis battery bank.
- House electrical components such as the furnace, refrigerator, A/C thermostat, stove, propane furnace, propane water heater, generator, lights, cigarette lighters and water pump are supplied by the house battery bank.
- The inverter batteries supply DC power to the inverter/charger (Xantrex) for conversion into 120-volt power for the microwave, visible wall receptacles and the entertainment system. The inverter is also a charger. When 120-volt power (generator/power pedestal) is available, it is capable of charging all the banks of batteries. The engine alternator charges the batteries while the chassis engine is running.



**Time** - what is time? It is a period based on days, weeks, months or even years.

Some items on our Alfas are required to be serviced once a year while other systems (example: our batteries) require monthly maintenance.

Batteries: to keep our batteries in tip top good shape required monthly maintenance. This maintenance requires us to check the water level, check for corrosion on the terminals, inspect for loose connections and bad terminals.

Low water, acid, loose connections will cause your batteries to deteriorate faster, and you will end up changing them in less than 5 years.

Corrosion, is formed when the batteries are off-gassing. This off gassing causes a green acid to appear on the terminals. As the acid is settling on the battery terminals, this causes the terminals to heat up, thereby creating a bad connection. This acid will eat away at the battery terminal. With this bad connection your batteries cannot receive a full charge from your charger. Eye sight is use to spot corrosion.

Do you know a loose connection can cause a terminal to heat-up? It can also cause the charger to get hot or even over-heat. A loose connection on a battery terminal will prevent your batteries from receiving a full charge. **Touch** is used to identify a loose connection.

Yearly maintenance items require our Alfas to be serviced once a year. Filters, oil and fuel, oil changes are required yearly. Both the generator and engine also require yearly maintenance.

Air filters, generator and engine based on OEM instructions should be changed out every 2 years.

Other items that require yearly maintenance;

- Water Heater, Electric/propane: Drain water tank and then repeat flushing. Check for corrosion, dirt, loose connections.
- Propane Furnace: Yearly, Check for corrosion, dirt, loose connections.
- Refrigerator, Electric/propane: Monthly, Check for corrosion, dirt, loose connections. Check cooling tubes for yellow fluid leaking.

You might ask yourself, why is maintenance required on the above items? Most problems stem from corrosion, loose connections, dirt, dust and just plain neglect. The water heater is the biggest one. Failure to properly drain the water heater tank, can lead to the electric heating element to prematurely fail and reduce water temperature. This is all caused by buildup of calcium inside the tank.

Now, have I covered everything? Course not. What else, you might ask. Take a look around you, what do you see or really what items can't you see. Inverter/Charger, water pump, roof, belts on engine and generator, aerator on the sinks & shower heads, water filters, and air conditioner (a/c) return filter.

Ok, so I leave you with this, maintenance, good or bad?

## **2018 Alfa Owners Club Rally Held in Hemet, California**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Alfa Owners Club (AOC) Rally was held April 10<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet, California. Several of the AOC chapters held pre-rallies at the park starting in the week prior to the rally.

This was the first rally to be held in California in quite a few years. Approximately 80 coaches, both motor homes and 5<sup>th</sup> wheels, were in attendance. As always, many of the AOC attendees were also members of the AlfaSeeYas chapter.

Rally Masters Jim and Vonnie Beard, assisted by co-Rally Masters Craig and Nancy McDowell, put on a well-organized rally that had many activities on the schedule but still left time for socializing with friends, exploring the local area and enjoying the nice amenities offered at the Golden Village Palms park.

Several catered meals were provided in the park ballroom, starting with a welcome dinner sponsored by Redlands Truck and RV that included Hawaiian luau-style entertainment. Later in the rally the

attendees enjoyed a luncheon followed by a talented ventriloquist/comedian, and then the usual farewell dinner on the final night. Many door prizes were given away at the dinners and several lucky folks won the elaborate chapter-donated gift baskets that have become a staple of AOC rallies. On Saturday night the folks from Leisure Coachworks prepared and served a BBQ cookout, another tradition of these rallies.

There were more-than-the-usual number of vendors at the rally this year, offering RV supplies, cleaning products, jewelry and purses, fire extinguishers, tires, TV systems and more. Jon Goldstein and Martin Miranda brought most of their crew from Leisure Coachworks and stayed busy performing repair and maintenance work on attendees' coaches. Redlands Truck and RV and Pete's Tire Service also had folks at the rally providing chassis and tire services.

As always, a major benefit of the rally is the ability to share information with other Alfa owners. This was done at seminars presented by vendors and various other experts, and of course much valuable information sharing always takes place during informal social interactions. AlfaSeeYas member Dale Prichard personally conducted "hands-on" presentations on several topics, including the Generac generator and the Alfa gas furnace.

Since there were so many AlfaSeeYas members at the rally, chapter president Ray Zimmermann conducted a chapter meeting, open to both members and non-members alike. With 56 people in attendance, Ray reviewed FMCA and chapter activities over the past year and events planned for the rest of this year. Ray also described the benefits that come with FMCA membership and emphasized that both FMCA and the AlfaSeeYas are now open to owners of Alfa 5<sup>th</sup> wheels. Several people joined the chapter after the meeting, including Jim and Becky Heath who won the door prize of a free membership.

In addition to the activities already described, rally-goers kept busy attending craft demonstrations, the book sale, ice cream socials, morning coffee and donuts, and the always popular pet show.

At the farewell dinner on the final night of the rally, AOC Oversight Committee chair Randy Scott announced that volunteers had stepped forward to be Rally Masters for the 2019 Annual Rally. Ray Fowler and CeAnne Ochel of the Lonestars Chapter will be the Rally Masters, and Barb & Sid Zielke will be the Co-Rally Masters. They are looking at dates between Apr 2-14, possibly in mid-Texas. It is great to see that the tradition will continue - - hopefully for many years to come.



## Will You Be at the Wyoming FMCA Convention in July?

FMCA will hold its 98th International Convention, Wanted in Wyoming, at the Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facilities in Gillette, Wyoming from July 18-21. The easiest way to register is on-line at [fmca.com](http://fmca.com).

The AlfaSeeYas will be represented at the Convention by Alternate National Director Dale Manners. Dale would like to meet any chapter members who will be attending the convention. Please contact him at [ddmanners@hotmail.com](mailto:ddmanners@hotmail.com) or 916-717-4718 and let him know of your plans.

### OPINION - BYLINE BY RAY ZIMMERMANN IS THE RV INDUSTRY OUT-OF-TOUCH WITH RVERS?

I am a long-time reader of RV Travel ([rvtravel.com](http://rvtravel.com)), a weekly newsletter that covers RVing from the perspective of RVerS, as opposed to coach makers, dealers, associations, etc. The editor, Chuck Woodbury, has for the past few years been on a one-person crusade to point out some serious problems that are not covered elsewhere in the RV media. Specifically, the low quality of the products being cranked out by the manufacturers, and the fact that the thousands of new RVs being produced will be competing for a virtually unchanged number of RV park spaces. Chuck addressed this latter problem in a recent article, reprinted below, which should be of interest to those who love the RV lifestyle. The article also exemplifies Chuck's informative, entertaining writing style. You can find more of his articles at [rvtravel.com](http://rvtravel.com). (The following is reprinted by permission.)

We posted an article [recently] from a periodical called SGB Executive. It quotes the president of the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), Frank Hugelmeyer.

In the article, Hugelmeyer offers his thoughts about the 2018 North American Camping Report, a survey commissioned by KOA that shows that more than six million new households have taken up RVing in the last three years. Using my basic math skills, I calculate that means two million new RV families a year or about 5,500 a day. That's roughly 228 an hour or just shy of four per minute.

Now let's figure there's perhaps a net gain of a few hundred RV park spaces **per year**. That comes to less than one a day.

Now, if I'm the president of an association that is paid a fee by manufacturers for every single RV product it sells, then I am pleased as punch that my organization is getting a cut on every one of the half million RVs sold in 2017. What the heck do I care where the buyers go with them?

**The following statement from Frank is what really got me riled up** and prompted my appearance here on my soapbox. In the *SGB* article he said: “Camping obviously is what everyone in an RV is doing.”

Huh? Obviously?

I emailed him. I could not hold myself back. I had to know — did he really say that?

Dear Frank,

Did you really say this in the article I saw today from *SGB Executive*? “Camping obviously is what everyone in an RV is doing. . .”

You think someone in a 40-foot diesel pusher; or a two-bedroom, two bath fifth wheel with a wine cooler, residential fridge, built-in vacuum, dishwasher, heated floors, washer-dryer, cell phone booster, four TVs with a satellite receiver on the roof, stereo system. . . etc. — you really believe they are “**obviously** camping.” Please!

Do you ever get away in an RV and see what it’s like out there, where Baby Boomers, contract workers, the working poor, college students, traveling nurses, work campers and full-time millennials are clogging up RV parks?

You need to deep six the “go where you want, when you want” Go RVing slogan. It’s not true anymore. Try getting a reservation within a month or two at any National Park. Try maybe a year ahead, and you might get a space if you’re lucky.” (end of letter)

**BY THE WAY**, check out Frank’s Facebook or Twitter pages. You won’t see any evidence of him in an RV, I couldn’t even find a photo of an RV. I’d be surprised if he owns one or ever spent more a day or two in one (I could be wrong, of course). Does he realize that a crisis is coming where there’s simply no place to stay with a big ol’ power hungry RV except in the off-season or by making a reservation months or even years ahead?

Of course, there’s always a Walmart parking lot. I dare the RVIA to run an ad showing RVers “camping” in parking lots. It’ll never happen. Instead they show RVs camped on a bluff overlooking the ocean. Yeah, common practice, right?

Like I said, Frank didn’t answer my email. No surprise. It’s rare that anyone in the industry ever does — not just me, but other writers and bloggers with a voice to thousands of RVers, even tens of thousands, or in my case hundreds of thousands.

**Here’s what I think:** There are still plenty of people who “camp” with RVs. They stay in state parks, national parks (ones off the beaten path because the popular ones are packed), and Forest

Service and BLM campgrounds. Some head off on a dirt road and plop down all alone in the desert or forest. But almost nobody, I suggest, who buys a 40-foot RV with an all-electric residential fridge and all the other things I explained to Frank, is camping. No way!

In the crowd where I hang out, which amounts to hundreds of thousands — if not a million people who live in their RVs full-time or seasonally — we do not camp. We “live.” In my park here in Wichita Falls, 29 sites are occupied by long-term residents working on a local construction project. Are they camping? What about the other two dozen or more here who are full-timers like me? We are not camping, Frank, we are living in mobile homes that your RVIA member friends make more like transportable mansions every year! Who needs a bloody campfire when you have a built-in fireplace?

My RV is not an RV at all. “RV” stands for recreational vehicle. My RV is an “LV,” a living vehicle. “Mobile home” works, too.

It’s time for the industry to start treating RVers who camp and those with LVs differently, and try to do things to improve how we use their products — like lobbying local city councils who nix new RV park projects because they “don’t want no trailer trash in the neighborhood.” Treating me, and others like me, and young families who spend a weekend here and there in a small travel trailer alike is like lumping together a guy with a bass boat and a multimillionaire with a 70-foot yacht. Yes, they’re both boaters, but what else do they have in common? Not much.

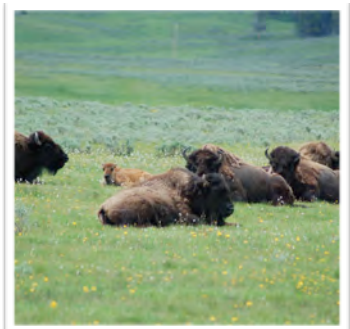
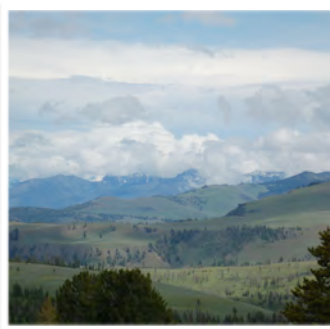
So what’s my point? Not sure yet. I’ll get to it one of these days. I think I need at least 500 hours to think it through. And then I’ll write a book. First copy goes to Frank, my compliments.



Randy Scott found what he thought was a great article: "*Tips on Stopping a Loose Dog from Approaching You*" in an edition of the Whole Dog Journal. He thought it would be especially applicable to RV owners who travel with dogs. It deals with if you are approached by a strange and unleashed dog while on a walk with your own dog, there are ways to protect your dog if things get aggressive. The article can be obtained by going to: <https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/>

## Northwest Wyoming in the Spring

by Jeannette Harper



If your "inner cowboy" (or cowgirl) is just hankering to get out, I know the perfect place for you to mosey off to - north western Wyoming! From the ever awesome Yellowstone National Park down to the cute towns of Cody, Greybull and Lovell Wyoming.

In June (an almost ideal time to visit) the little town of Lovell Wyoming holds it's annual *Wild Mustang Days* which includes a week-long celebration throughout the town. Experience a small town celebrating at its best by joining in on the pancake breakfasts, Follies at the Hobart Theater, the most fun parade down Main Street (it travels down both sides of the street) and of course, what would a western town be without a rodeo on Saturday evening.

Lovell is an easy drive to the Big Horn Canyon Recreation Area and a view that will knock your socks off! Seeing the river down below and the wild flowers up above there is no doubt, you will capture plenty of 'Kodak moments'. If you continue up 14A the road gets both winding and steep so I suggest you limit this scenic drive to your toad and not your RV. (Way up 14A you can turn off to the *Wyoming High Country Lodge* which is at about 8,000 feet elevation. They offer trail rides as well as lodging and some meals.)

Within the city limits of Lovell you will find both the *National Park Service Visitor Center* and the *Pryor Mountain Mustang Center*. Both are well worth a visit. The Park Service Center will tell you about what you can find within and around the Big Horn Recreation Area. This includes the breathtaking Devil's Canyon overlook! Prepare to ooh and ahh. The folks at the Mustang Center will tell you about the herd of wild mustangs roaming these hills. (*Hint: Driving to the Canyon overlook means you might have an opportunity to view the mustangs in their natural environment!*) The Mustang Center can also share the schedule of guided tours up in the Pryor Range with mustang spotting always on the agenda. (Our tour was cancelled due to thunderstorms so be prepared for possible cancellations.)

One of the main reasons we chose to stay at a wonderful campground in Greybull was that we could do a variety of things in and near Lovell; drive about 45 minutes to the 'big' city of Cody and all it offers visitors and by driving another half hour or so past Cody you enter one of the earliest U.S. National Parks - Yellowstone. Our campground was really close to everything!

June and July are good months to visit this area because spring is newly arrived, babies are being born but a word of caution - bears are coming out of hibernation. On our recent visit, Park Rangers were quite busy due to bear sightings and tourists not following park guidelines.

If you have never been to Yellowstone, be prepared to be awed. The vastness alone is unbelievable. Add in a mix of forests, wild flowers, vistas, waterfalls, geothermal activity almost everywhere and then, animals of all shapes and sizes. We definitely experienced a case of 'sensory overload'!

Just like us, other park visitors were also catching a glimpse of wildlife - a sure sign when the traffic in front of you comes to a halt. On our visit we saw bison everywhere! There were herds, pairs and single critters walking, eating and reclining. We saw moose and even a large elk munching greenery right alongside the road. I can't stress enough - stay IN your vehicles and take your pictures from a safe distance... This is **NOT** a zoo or a park!

At each of the 3 entrances to the park visitors receive a well-detailed map. The area is well worth a visit!



Many of us use the multi-segmented plastic trays we get at places like Camping World when we have meals served at our outings. One of our members has found a source for a paper version of the plastic ones which can be used once and thrown out (rather than having to wash the plastic ones). In addition, they are **biodegradable**. Our member ordered some and tried them out at several recent RV outings and they worked fine! **One hint:** if you are going to really load them up, it is suggested you use two - one on top of the other - and then just toss the top one out when done eating. If you go to the web site the current price is \$15.99 for 100, and \$45.99 for a case of 400. It looks like the shipping charge is rather high for 100, so a case is a better buy! Sharing sounds like a great idea! (<https://www.webstaurantstore.com/search/999tray6.html>)



Come join your fellow AlfaSeeYas Chapter members, guests and non-members to enjoy the great weather and attractions in southern Idaho in September! We will have a five-night Chapter Rally at the Hagerman RV Village in Hagerman, Idaho. Hagerman is located about 30 miles West of Twin Falls, and is along the Snake River. We are holding our Rally centered around the annual Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts that is being held nearby. (**Note:** those of you who may be going to the South Loafers chapter rally at Jackson Rancheria starting Oct 2, 2018 will have 6 nights to travel between Hagerman and Jackson, and we have suggestions and further details in the Additional Details/Information section. \*\*)

Your Rally registration includes a catered welcome dinner on arrival night, several mornings of coffee and pastries, evening snacks, a pizza night, and breakfast at a local restaurant. There will also be free time to enjoy the many sights of the Hagerman/Twin Falls area and to attend several optional planned activities:

- A trip to the Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts, located at nearby Ritter Island. The Festival is being held Sep. 22 and 23. Terry and Randy attended it last year, and it was a lot of fun - especially with some very unusual and unique items! They have about 90 Artisans and Demonstrators, as well as entertainment. We will car pool to their parking area (about a 30 minute drive) and they will transport us to the Festival on the island. After spending several hours at the Festival, we will car pool to the Niagara Springs State Park - to have a box lunch and observe the Niagara Springs Falls. We will then go on a tour of the nearby Niagara Springs Hatchery (operated by the Idaho Dept of Fish and Game - with millions of fish!). We will then car pool back to the RV park (about a 30 minute drive). Note that we may be gone from about 9 am to about 4 pm - that may be a very long time for some folks to leave their dog(s) in their RV. If necessary, we will see if we can have some of the folks who decide not to go on this trip let dogs out while we are gone. More info at:

[www.ThousandSpringsFestival.org](http://www.ThousandSpringsFestival.org).

- A trip to the "Elevation 486" restaurant in Twin Falls for lunch, and then a visit to the nearby Shoshone Falls. "Elevation 486" is the #1 (of 118) restaurants in Twin Falls ([www.Elevation486.com](http://www.Elevation486.com)), and provides a beautiful view of the Snake River (we may eat outside, weather permitting). We will car pool, traveling along US Highway 30 - which provides a great view of the numerous falls along the Snake River, taking about 45 minutes and going through several small towns on the way. After lunch, we will go to nearby Shoshone Falls State Park and see the Falls, then travel back to the RV park. We should be gone from about 10 am to about 3 pm.

**Alfa SeeYas Chapter Rally  
Hagerman RV Village - Hagerman, Idaho  
September 21-26, 2018  
Registration Form**

Wagon Masters: Randy & Terry Scott, Ray Zimmermann

Names (as you want them to appear on your badge(s)): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of additional people attending with you: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Alt Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # (if member): F \_\_\_\_\_

**Rally Fee:** One rig/two people (includes a breakfast and a catered dinner, taxes, and tip, morning and evening snacks) \$ 103.00  
 Additional People (more than 2 per rig) -- **add:** \_\_\_\_\_ people x \$53.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rig with only one person -- **deduct** \$53.00 = --\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional** Thousand Springs Art Festival, box lunch, Fish Hatchery Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ people x \$6 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch sandwich choice: \_\_\_\_\_ ham, \_\_\_\_\_ turkey, \_\_\_\_\_ roast beef, or \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Optional** Trip to Twin Falls for lunch at the Elevation 486 restaurant and to the Shoshone Falls: NOTE: total lunch cost (includes most items, drink, tax and tip) will be approx. \$17 to \$20 per person. Menu depends on how many sign up to go. We will decide final menu and collect at welcoming dinner Sep 21.

Please indicate number of people to go: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have meal menu restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-free, \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian, \_\_\_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are first timers: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I/we are guests of: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have a: \_\_\_\_\_ Motor Home \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel/Travel Trailer. The length of our rig is \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

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

Randy Scott  
PO Box 1360  
Rosamond, CA 93560

Hagerman RV Village is located at 18049 Highway 30, Hagerman, ID 83332. Phone: (208) 837-4906. The special Rally rate is \$32.15 per night for 2 persons/1 RV. Total for the 5 Rally nights is \$160.75. Extra persons are \$2 each per night. The park has agreed to honor this rally rate for any additional nights you wish to stay prior to and/or after the Rally. When you reserve a site, please say you are with the "Alfa Rally." The park website is: [www.hagermanrvvillage.com](http://www.hagermanrvvillage.com)

I/we have called and made RV site reservations at the Hagerman RV Village on: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (Date)

**TOTAL SPACE IS LIMITED - RESERVATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 10, 2018 TO ARRIVE AT RALLY MASTER'S ADDRESS!!**

Questions? Contact: **Randy:** email: [rscott@antelecom.net](mailto:rscott@antelecom.net), 661-256-3507 (home) or 661-839-4526 (cell)

**Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$10.00 cancellation charge. Additionally, if the Chapter has incurred additional non-refundable costs, these fees will be deducted from your refund unless there is a waiting list and your space can be filled.

I/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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Details/Information:

As mentioned previously, the optional trip to the Thousand Springs Art Festival, along with then having lunch and going on a tour of the Fish Hatchery will be a fairly long day. We plan on car-pooling on this trip. For the Festival, there is a charge of approx. \$6 per person for adults/\$5 for seniors, to be paid at the gate. The \$6 charge on the Rally registration form is for a box lunch and a drink - which the Rally Masters will bring with us. There may be a charge of \$4 per vehicle for the park where we are going to picnic for lunch, but there is no charge for the fish hatchery tour. The fish hatchery is absolutely amazing - Terry and I went through it last year! However, if you feel you want to go to the Art Festival but cannot stay away long enough to also go to lunch and/or the fish hatchery, please let me know, and we should be able to work out separate car pools.

**\*\*** In case you were not aware of it, the **South Loafers Chapter** owners club is having a "Golden Anniversary" outing (especially to celebrate those couples married 50 years or more) at the Jackson Rancheria RV Park (in Jackson, CA) Oct 2-7, 2018. It looks like it will be a lot of fun! A number of us are already signed up to attend it too. If you desire to sign up for it (you do not have to be a South Loafers chapter member to do so), contact Helen Burrows - email: heliel@aol.com, phone 818-889-8804. Be advised that reservations are already open and limited for this outing, so you should contact her ASAP!

For those of you who will be going on to the South Loafers owners chapter outing at Jackson Rancheria in California, it is approx. 600 miles from Hagerman, ID to Jackson, CA. It looks like 3 driving days (much on freeways) will get us there fairly easily. We are planning on driving about 1/3 the way - to Elko, NV on Sep 26, staying at the Elko RV Park for 3 nights, and departing there on Sep 29. We will then drive about another 1/3 the way to Reno/Sparks, NV, staying at the Grand Sierra Resort RV park for 3 nights, departing Oct 2. We will then drive the remaining 1/3 the way to Jackson Rancheria. Anyone wanting to caravan and stay at the same parks is welcome to do so. Naturally, you are free to travel however you'd like. I'd recommend making reservations at the Elko and Reno parks as soon as you can (especially since there are many summer activities going on in Reno). We can work out caravanning details prior to departing Hagerman.

Elko, NV: Elko RV Park, 303 Ryndon Rd., Elko, NV 89801 (775) 738-3448

Reno/Sparks, NV: Grand Sierra Resort RV Park, 2500 E. 2nd St., Reno, NV 89595 (775) 789-2147



**AlfaSeeYas Rally Schedule**  
**Sept 21-26, 2018**  
**Hagerman RV Village - - Hagerman, Idaho**  
 As of May 10, 2018

<b>Friday, Sept 21 – Arrival Day</b>	
<b>12 noon and on</b>	Arrival and check in at Hagerman RV Village
<b>6:00 pm</b>	Catered Welcome Dinner - RV Village Recreation Room
<b>Saturday, Sept 22</b>	
<b>9:00 am</b>	Depart by car pool for optional Thousand Springs Art Festival, Lunch and Fish Hatchery Tour
<b>Approx 4 pm</b>	Arrive back at RV Village
	Evening free
<b>Sunday, Sept 23</b>	
<b>8:00 – 10:00 am</b>	Morning coffee/pastries – Wagon Master Site
<b>5 pm</b>	Social hour with snacks – Wagon Master Site
<b>6 pm</b>	Evening free
<b>Monday, Sept 24</b>	
<b>9 am</b>	Meet to drive to Breakfast at Snake River Grill (approx 1 mile), Chapter meeting to follow
<b>5 pm</b>	Social hour with Chapter-hosted pizza – Wagon Master Site
<b>6 pm</b>	Evening free
<b>Tuesday, Sep 25</b>	
<b>8:00 – 9:30 am</b>	Morning coffee/pastries – Wagon Master Site
<b>10 am</b>	Depart by car pool for optional trip to Elevation 486 Restaurant in Twin Falls, drive to Shoshone Falls
<b>Approx. 3 pm</b>	Arrive back at RV Village
<b>5 pm</b>	Social hour with snacks – Wagon Master Site

<b>6 pm</b>	Evening free
<b>Wednesday, Sept 26</b>	
<b>By 11 am</b>	Check out and Depart Rally

**Note: Schedule subject to change - - always check for updates at the Wagon Master site!**

## Things to See and Do in the Hagerman, ID Area

Hagerman, ID is a small town (population of less than 1,000) located on the Snake River. It has a few restaurants, with others not too far away in nearby small towns. There are a number of activities in the area, and the larger city of Twin Falls is about 30 miles to the East. Further information on restaurants and local attractions can be found at the Hagerman RV Village web site, as well as using Yelp and Trip Advisor.

**Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.** Explore a fossiliferous Pliocene-aged site! Do you know horses evolved in North America? The Hagerman Horse, *Equus Simplicidens*, is the first true horse. It's the park's most famous fossil but they have fossil evidence of over two hundred different species. From saber-toothed cat, mastodon, bear, camel, and ground sloth, to much smaller animals like rodents and frogs, the scientific study of Pliocene fossils is the key to Hagerman. In September, the Visitor Center will be open Thursday through Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. It is recommended you stop at the Visitor Center, located at 221 North State Street (Route 30) in Hagerman, to begin your visit. There you get the latest information, see an introductory movie, view fossils up close, and obtain maps and information about what there is to see and do in the area. [www.nps.gov/hafo](http://www.nps.gov/hafo)

**Hagerman Valley Hot Springs.** The Hagerman region has several natural hot springs that rise from the core of the Earth and provide mineral-rich hot water for all to enjoy.

Miracle and Banbury Hot Springs, Buhl, ID <http://miraclehot.spring.com>

1000 Springs Resort, Hagerman, ID <http://1000springsresort.com>

**Boating – Canoeing & Kayaking.** The Snake River offers two reservoirs, Upper and Lower Salmon Falls, near Hagerman. Both have free boat launch facilities operated by either Gooding or Twin Falls County. Both reservoirs provide plenty of open water for water skiing or jet skiing, and fishing. The **1000 Springs Boat Tour** offers views of the Hagerman Valley and Thousand Springs area from onboard "The River's Mist" on Idaho's scenic Snake River. They have lunch and dinner cruises, as well as scenic cruises. They also offer kayak and paddleboard rentals. The **Idaho Guide Service** provides day tours, guide services, gear rentals, kayaking and canoeing, river rafting and tubing. The Hagerman Valley also is a non-motorized boater's dream with numerous lakes, ponds, and waterways to explore. Popular choices include the Billingsley Creek unit of Thousand Springs State Park, Ritter Island unit of Thousand Springs State Park, and the Snake River reservoirs.

**Rafting.** The Hagerman Section of the Snake River is located approximately 25 miles downstream from Twin Falls. This is a CLASS 3 trip with plenty of whitewater action and beautiful scenery. This stretch of the Snake

is known for its great fishing and plentiful natural springs that flow into the river from the Snake River Aquifer. Idaho Guide Service, Inc. has been running whitewater adventure trips since 1974, and were the first licensed outfitter on the Middle Snake River. [www.idahoguideservice.com](http://www.idahoguideservice.com)

**Fishing.** Excellent rainbow trout fishing can be found at Oster Lake 1 on the grounds of the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery. This is one of a series of ponds that extend into the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area. These ponds are stocked by the Idaho Department of Fish & Game for recreational fishing. The season is open from March to November. A wheelchair accessible dock is also available at Oster 1.

**The Hagerman Valley Historical Society Museum:** Located at corner of State St. and Highway 30, in Hagerman. Contains information and history on the Hagerman Valley, as well as artwork from a local artist. [www.hagermanmuseum.com](http://www.hagermanmuseum.com)

**Parks:** Local parks include **Lower Salmon Falls Park** - with parking area and viewpoints for the river and hydroelectric dam; and **Malad Gorge State Park** which has a self-guided tour including a pedestrian bridge adjacent to I-84 that goes over the gorge and a waterfall.

**History and Scenic Drives.** Drive the 67-mile Thousand Springs Scenic Byway to get the full sight-seeing experience of the Thousand Springs region. It's a teachable moment for children and adults to learn that Thousand Springs are the outlet for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, a large freshwater resource that extends from St. Anthony to Hagerman. The pure waters from the aquifer are used to raise rainbow trout by multiple companies, including Clear Springs Foods, the largest producer of rainbow trout in North America, if not the world. [www.visitsouthidaho.com/thousand-springs-scenic-byway](http://www.visitsouthidaho.com/thousand-springs-scenic-byway)

**Wineries Include:** **Thousand Springs Winery Bed and Breakfast** in Hagerman ([www.thousandsspringswinery.com](http://www.thousandsspringswinery.com)) and **Snyder Winery and Steakhouse** in nearby Buhl, ID ([www.snyder-winery.com](http://www.snyder-winery.com)).

#### Some Local Restaurants Include:

**Papa Kelsey's Pizza and Subs** (we are getting the box lunches from them; Terry and I ate there last year - they have good sandwiches and pizza)  
Open 11 am to 8 or 9 pm, closed on Sunday

**Snake River Grill** (they will be catering our welcoming dinner, and we will be going there for breakfast; Terry and I ate there last year - good food)  
Serving American food - breakfast, lunch and dinner; [www.snakeriver-grill.com](http://www.snakeriver-grill.com)  
Open every day, 7 am to 2 pm on Monday, to 9:30 or 10 pm other days

**River Boat Restaurant** (we ate there last year - good food)  
Serving American food (including bar-type items too) - lunch and dinner; on Facebook  
Open 11 am to 9 pm every day

**Hava Java Cafe** (don't know anything personally about them, generally good reviews on Trip Advisor)  
Serving breakfast and lunch  
Open generally 7 am to 4 pm, closed on Monday

In addition, there are a number of restaurants in the nearby small towns



**- For Sale -**  
**2003 SeeYa 38'**

**\$38,000**

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[2003alfa4sale@gmail.com](mailto:2003alfa4sale@gmail.com)

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