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President's Message

by Larry York

Greetings from the Great State of Texas!

March 1st, we departed Sierra Vista and started our trip to Texas. The focus of our trip this Spring is to attend the Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally in Fredericksburg, TX and to visit family as we make a large loop through New Mexico and around central and eastern Texas.

Our first stop was an overnigher at the La Hacienda RV Resort in Las Cruces, NM. We always stop here whenever we head east to visit my step-father and step-sister. Normally, we are in the area in the Summer or Fall and have no problem in getting a site, but this year we are traveling in March and found that the park was full every night and has been since the first of the year. They even called us the day we were to arrive to make sure that we were still going to fill our reservation. If you are in the Las Cruces area, we recommend you check this park out. It is clean, well maintained, and easy in and out. Although it is close to the interstate, the traffic noise is nominal, and the side-by-side sites are private due to the well-established hedges between rigs. I



Editor's Message

Jeannette Harper

If you are like me, your Alfa may not have been new when you purchased it, yet many of you are the sole owners of your loved RV. As we have been going through the rigors of various repairs since we bought our 03 See Ya, it has come to our attention the previous owners had not actively managed any/all recalls for the engine, the fridge and possible more. Are you in the same 'boat'? This will put the burden of repairs squarely on your shoulders. (Sadly, recalls usually have an expiration date...)

How can YOU avoid costly repairs? First and foremost preventative maintenance should be at the top of your list. If you are new to your rig, contact both Freightliner and your engine manufacturer to see if there have been any recalls. Then check to see if your VIN has been identified as having complied with the recall.

If anyone KNOWS of a recall, let me know and I will post a list on the SeeYas website!

would also highly recommend getting advanced reservations, particularly during the winter months.

From there, we drove to Van Horn, TX and on to Abilene, TX. When we left Van Horn, the temps were moderate, but as we travelled east, the temps fell from the lower 70s to upper 30s. Before we left Van Horn I had topped off the fresh water tank in anticipation of the forecast of 19-degree temps over the next couple of nights. We have never stayed in the coach in those kinds of temps and strong northern winds. Therefore, we were not really prepared. While we were warm inside using the propane heater, I failed to place drop lights in the wash down and middle compartments or open the vent in the middle bay. So, the next morning, we had no water. I made a couple of trips to Lowes and picked up a couple of drop lights to put in the middle and wash down bays, and a larger electric space heater to help the propane furnace. The temps that day did not get above the 30's and the strong north winds continued. In addition to putting the drop lights in the two compartments, I taped up a couple of areas below the slide out motor where cold air was intruding and opened the basement vent. Later that day, the cold-water lines freed up, but not the hot-water lines. Finally, the next day the temps started to get above freezing and the hot-water lines opened. It was not until a few weeks later that I found the damage the freezing caused. I need to have a plumber solder/replace a split copper line on the Twin Temp, and I am still trying to figure out where the small leak is either in the shore fresh water hose or the reel. *Lesson learned – avoid freezing temps if possible or carry drop lights and lots of insulation.*

After visiting Shirley's sister in Abilene, we drove to Brownwood, TX to visit with Shirley's other two Sisters. There, we stayed at the Riverside RV park. We discovered this park a couple of years ago and are very glad we did. Most parks in the area cater to permanent residents and the utilities are not well maintained/upgraded. This small park is only a few years old and has a 50-50 ratio of permanent and transient residents. The utilities are new. All sites face the Pecan Bayou river from Lake Brownwood upstream, and are paved pull-thru's with ample space between them. The park is adjacent to the City park with lots of grass and trees (the area was once a pecan grove). Only oddity is that electricity is not included in the rate, so you have a separate

charge for electricity that you use. Probably not much reason for you to be in the Brownwood area, but if you are, I would strongly suggest checking this park out.

While in Brownwood, we drove to Austin and took a flight to Orlando, FL to attend our Granddaughter's graduation and wedding. After a few days there, we returned to Brownwood and chilled out before heading to Fredericksburg to attend the South Loafer's Chapter Pre-Rally and AOC Annual Rally. (In a separate article, I will cover the Pre-Rally and Rally).

We then moved to San Antonio and the Army RV Camp on Fort Sam Houston to visit our Granddaughter. As of writing this article, we are still here a few days longer than anticipated due to medical issues with our pet, Molly. We are waiting for results of tests to determine what the next steps will be.

From here, we will continue our trip through eastern Texas and then head home in mid-May.

As temperatures climb, many of you dusting off your rigs and are enjoying traveling and experiencing the great sights and places this country and Canada have to offer. I hope that you have safe travels. "SeeYa" down the road!

Upcoming Rallies:

June:

- **20-23 — Oregon Alfa Owners Rally - Florence OR (Heceta Beach RV Park)**

October:

- **7 - 10 — Alfa Owners Club Rally - Buellton CA (Joint AlfaSeeYas/
Maverick Chapter Rally)**

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

He acquired his size from too much pi.

New Members:

- **Anthony and Sally Ambriz, F436994, Babson Park FL**
- **John and Janice Downing, F367855, Newport OR**
- **Rudy and Beth Gefeke, F496245, Dallas TX**
- **Brian and Carol Hood, F475764, Newport WA**
- **Steve and Pat Murphy, F495738, Evanston WY**
- **Ray Fowler and CeAnne Ochel, F459103, Pipe Creek TX**
- **Mike and Nancy Pennell, F393504, West Covina CA**

Final Trip:

AlfaSeeYas has been notified of the death of the following member. We extend our condolences to their friends and families:

- ♦ **Wayne Taubman (husband of Kathy Taubman), F431481, Gold Canyon AZ**

The AOC Rally in Fredericksburg Texas - April 7th - 12th

By *Larry York*



Prior to the Alfa Owners' Club (AOC) Annual Rally, the AOC chapters held pre-rallies. We attended the South Loafers' Chapter pre-rally April 3rd – April 7th. The Wagon Masters were Ron and Linda Pearson, and Shirley and I were their Co-Wagon Masters. 16-chapter member rigs were in attendance. In addition, a couple of Sunseeker Chapter members joined us for social hours and dinners.

The first evening started off with a social hour followed by a dinner of ham, slow-cooked beans, rolls, and salad prepared by the Persons and Yorks, and a beautiful and delicious cake made by Linda Pearson. After dinner, most of the folks played a lively game of Left, Right, Center with Keith Tucker winning the pot.

Coffee and a continental breakfast were served every morning. Each day, folks had plenty of time to explore the area. There were lots of things to do and see: wine and beer tasting, an excellent museum focused on WWII in the Pacific, LBJ's ranch, seeing and photographing the bluebonnets and wild flowers

in bloom, shopping in downtown historic Fredericksburg, checking out the large metropolis of Luckenbach, TX (lol), or just chilling out. Did I mention wine tasting?

The second evening, we had a social hour with appetizers. Afterwards, several folks ventured into town and had dinner at the excellent restaurants in Fredericksburg. Cuisine offered covered the spectrum of German, Italian, Tex-Mex, Oriental, burgers and beer, and BBQ, of course.

Friday started off with breakfast of breads, egg casseroles, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice, prepared by the Pearsons and Yorks, followed by a Chapter business meeting.

Saturday evening, under a threat of rain and storms, we had a pot luck dinner. If anyone left hungry, it was their fault. After dinner, we had the Sheriff's report. To everyone's surprise, Keith Tucker stood up with the sheriff's badge. Fines were passed out for trivial infractions all in the name of fun and a good laugh. Keith's report was followed by the 50/50 drawing.

Sunday was the start of the AOC Annual Rally. The 2019 AOC Annual Rally was held at The Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park on the edge of Fredericksburg, Texas, April 7th-12th. Our Rally Masters were Ray Fowler, CeAnne Ochel, and Barb and Sid Zielke, who organized, coordinated and executed a great rally.

94 rigs were in attendance. The sight of rows and rows of Alfa motorhomes and 5th wheels was very impressive.

Thanks to Randy Scott, there were 13 vendors at the rally offering on-site services and support such as: rig washing and waxing, motorhome chassis lube and oil and filter changes, holding tank cleaning, engine diagnostics, satellite and cell phone connection products, fire suppression products, interior care and

Alfa Tech Talk - by Dave Atherton

Diagnostic Codes:

Check with your service shop to make sure they have **CAT ET** program with a data link connector for a 6 pin (J1708) connection. They can connect into the front or rear port. At this point the program opens up ... it automatically brings up the ECM summary.

On that summary is what is called a 'personality code'. Just above that will be a release date. This will take you where you want to go in the program. If they are unable to provide this they are not running a bonafide CAT ET program and will not be able to access the codes you want.

Editors Note: Only a CAT Technician (CAT Service Center), using a CAT computer can dig deeply into the ECM of your rig. Proprietary software restricts an 'outside' technician to only dig so deeply while a CAT Technician can read the whole set of errors, codes and whatnot.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 7-10, 2019

Alfa See Yas has an outing scheduled for October 7-10, 2019 at Flying Flags RV Resort in Buellton California. Buellton is located 43 miles north of Santa Barbara on Highway 101. Four miles to the east is Solvang, a town of Danish culture with modern shopping, dining and entertainment. There's a plethora of local wineries, breweries, and restaurants only moments away from the RV resort as well as Chumash Casino just 8 miles away. Weekday rates are around \$ 60 per night, group rate, plus taxes and weekends are higher. If you would like to arrive early or stay longer you will need to call Flying Flags, they will honor a 10% discount off retail for guests staying up to 3 days early or up to 3 dates later. Their phone number is 805-688-3716. This park has lots of swimming pools, bocce courts, sports courts and much more. I have made arrangements to Mendenhall's Museum across the street from the RV park, which is one of the largest collection of Automotive Petroliana in the country. There is Zaca Creek golf course only ½ mile from the park, which is a great walkable course of 9 holes.

I am working on finalizing the last details and a Registration Form will be coming in a couple of months. I am looking forward to a good turnout, but spaces are limited so respond quickly when the forms arrive.

Arnie Burr, Wagon Master

cleaning products, emergency medical air transport services, educational learning adventures for adults, auto/RV glass repair and replacement, tire monitoring systems, and Alfa RV-specific repair and services by Leisure Coachworks. Of these vendors, nine presented seminars specific to their technology, services, and/or support.

The Rally Masters arranged for two tasty catered dinners (first and last evenings), and an ice cream social during the rally. In addition, Leisure Coachworks prepared and served burgers and brats for all the attendees on Wednesday evening after putting in a full day working on our coaches. Good eats!

As reported during the pre-rally, attendees took advantage of the area to see, taste, and savor the local history, scenery, food, wine, etc. during the Rally.

Wednesday morning the AlfaSeeYas Chapter held a business meeting with 25 member rigs and 9 non-member rigs in attendance. In addition to other business, we approved Randy Scott as the Chapter's designated representative at the Governing Board Meeting during the 100th FMCA International Convention in Minot, ND. The door prize winners were Tony and Sally Ambriz who won a free new membership (waiver of the \$10 application fee and \$10 first year's dues), and Mike and Linda Rees won two free years of Chapter dues. After the meeting, Ray Zimmermann received six new member applications. Welcome to all our new members!

On a sad note, it was learned that AlfaSeeYas member Wayne Taubman passed away March 12th at his home in Gold Canyon, AZ. Also, Leigh and Suzanne Conners' son was severely injured in a horse accident causing severe brain damage, and in addition, Leigh is having some health issues. Prior to the end of the Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally, Ed Burrows suffered a seizure and was transported to Austin, TX, where he was operated on, and as of April 18th was out of ICU and preparing to fly home with Helen

on the 20th to begin chemo therapy. FMCA Assist is helping them in getting home and getting their motorhome back home. It was great to see how the attendees, in general, and our Chapter members in specific, jumped in and helped in any way they could. Special thank-you's go out to: Ray Zimmermann for being there for Helen while the EMTs worked on Ed, transporting Helen to the Fredericksburg hospital and then to Austin; Ray, Randy and Terry for getting clothes and necessities to Helen in Austin; Jean Parker and us for cleaning out the refrigerator; Keith Tucker for preparing and moving their coach; and Ray Fowler and CeAnne Ochel for letting them park their coach on their property until a driver could return it to their home.

Thanks go out to Ray Fowler, CeAnne Ochel, and Barb and Sid Zielke for hosting a great Rally!

See Ya in Branson, MO in 2020?

[Check out some photos - click here!!](#)

FMCA Assist to the rescue!

As many of you know, Ed suffered a seizure while we were at the AOC rally in Fredericksburg, TX. The ambulance took him to the local hospital where he was given an MRI which showed a mass on his brain. The diagnosis was that he needed to have it removed as quickly as possible. In order to do this, he would need to be helicoptered to a larger hospital in Austin. At this point, we contacted *FMCA Assist* and activated their assistance in transporting him to St. David's Medical Center where he was operated on the next day and the mass was successfully removed.

FMCA was in communication with us during this time, ready to meet any transportation needs that we had for ourselves and our motor home. Once we knew when Ed would be released, the wheels were set in motion to get us back to California. On the day of his release, we were picked up at the hospital and transported to the airport. Our driver made sure that a wheel chair was provided and that we had our boarding passes before we left. We were flown first class back to Los Angeles, where we were met by another driver who transported us to our home.

Our coach and tow vehicle arrived a few days later (timing that we had requested). It was truly amazing service! We can't believe that we got all that for the mere \$60 per year membership fee for FMCA. We URGE any of you who have not joined, to do so immediately. It's the best bargain you will ever encounter in the insurance field.

As an FMCA member, you have this service available any time you are 100 or more miles from your home and you do not have to be traveling in your RV. You can be on another continent and *FMCA Assist* will bring you and your family (and your pets) home at absolutely no extra charge! Even if you stop RVing, you can still be an Associate Member and enjoy the same coverage. We don't know how we would have made it through this crisis without the amazing support of our fellow AOC members and this outstanding service. We will continue to be members for the remainder of our lives.

Ed and Helen Burrows
South Loafers

A man and his wife were driving their Recreational Vehicle across the country and were nearing a town spelled Kissimee. They noted the strange spelling and tried to figure how to pronounce it - **KISS**-a-me; kis-**A**-me; kis-a-**ME**. They grew more perplexed as they drove into the town.

Since they were hungry, they pulled into a place to get something to eat. At the counter, the man said to the waitress:

"My wife and I can't seem to be able to figure out how to pronounce this place. Will you tell me where we are and say it very slowly so that I can understand."

The waitress looked at him and said: "Buuurrrgerrr Kiiiiinnng."

SAVE THE DATE: April 26 to May 3, 2020

2020 Alfa Club Owners Rally (AOC)

Location: America's Best Campground (ABC)
Branson MO

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Camp Amenities Include:

Pull thru's, Full Hookup's, Fire Ring & Shelter, Cable TV, Swimming Pool & Jacuzzi, Laundry, Pet Walk, Game Room, Gift Shop, LP Gas, Free Wireless Internet, Coin-operated Car/RV Wash on premises, Discounted Show Tickets

More info to come as plans develop!

Note: Rally reservations will be made only through Rally Masters

Useful Internet Sites For Alfa Owners

Our Chapter Website - AlfaSeeYas.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

Groups.io <https://groups.io/g/alfaseeya> This is an internet forum 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").

Facebook Groups:

Alfa Owners: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alfaowners/>

Alfa Motorcoach Owners: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1816601868643360/>

Alfa Motorcoach Tech Site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Alfatechsite/>

RVillage:

FMCA: <https://www.rvillage.com/group/830/family-motor-coach-association>

Alfa Repair Facilities

Leisure Coachworks (formerly Alfateers), Fontana, CA (909) 428-6775 Website: www.leisurecw.com
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Blue Sky Mobile RV Repair (RVDA Certified Master Technician) Tucson, AZ (502) 668-4038
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Bob's Diesel Service, 340 W 32nd St., PMB #150, Yuma, AZ (928) 941-6462

Bretz RV, Missoula, MT (406) 541-4800 Website: www.bretzrv.com

California RV Specialists, 110 S Cherokee Lane Ste B, Lodi, CA (209) 263-7040
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Charlie's Service, Sunset, UT (801) 773-1193 Website: <http://www.charliesservice.com>

New Debut, Wakarusa, IN (574) 862-4893 Website: www.new-debut.com

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HOUSEKEEPING

DUES:

- If sending dues via U.S. Mail:

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You can find your dues expiration date on the e-mail that forwarded this newsletter or snail mail label. (*Checks payable to AlfaSeeYas*)

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

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AlfaSeeYas Store

Are you aware we have a couple neat items with our logo on it?? No? Go to: <http://www.alfaseeyas.com/pdf/orderformRev.pdf> to see images of the baseball style hat as well as jacket. There is a link to the order form so stop on by!



The caps are 'baseball style' and one-size for all with a Velcro adjustable strap for the black and a plastic strap with holes for the blue. **Price: \$10 ea**

The jacket is 100% polyester shell with a jersey lining. Mesh inserts at gussets have been added for breathability and articulated elbows for greater mobility. The cuffs are half-elastic and half-self fabric for comfort. There are side pockets and a drawcord hem with a toggle. Both have the *AlfaSeeYas* script over the left chest and the member name on the right chest in yellow/gold.

Available sizes are XS - 6XL.

Colors: Royal Blue or Black

Price: XL - 2XL - \$35

3XL - 6XL - \$40

Check with Randy Scott for the shipping cost which will be added to the order. He can be reached at: (661) 256-3507 or via email at: rscott@antelecom.net



And that's another issue that's come to an end... Do YOU have something to add? Contact the newsletter editor or one of the officers. Come on! You KNOW you want to do it :-)