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On our GPS...

April 2021:

AOC Rally in Branson MO has been rescheduled for 2021!

FMCA 'news'

Cancelled events through December 2020...

President's Message

by Larry York

Shirley and I hope that all of you are in good health, and expect that you are either preparing to move your coaches to warmer climates for the winter or winterizing them for storage.

As with the other newsletters, we have not had much of a chance to get out on the road this year. Other than our trip to Quartzsite and the LA area this past January, we have only had our coach out earlier this month for a grueling three-day less than 50 miles round trip, to Kartchner State Park, AZ. In January, we are signed up to attend the South Loafers' Chapter of the Alfa Owners' Club outing at Black Rock RV Village in Brenda, AZ in conjunction with the Quartzsite RV show in January. During this outing, the AlfaSeeYas Chapter will hold our annual business meeting and install our 2021 – 2022 Board of Officers. If you are going to be at the South Loafers' or the Roadrunners' outings at that time, please plan on attend the meeting. Date, time, and place will be announced later.

This newsletter finds us a couple of months away from a new year that we all hope will be better than this past one with all the political ads, party grandstanding, elections, and more importantly the changes we endured due to the COVID-19. Most of the political stuff will more than likely continue in some form or another, but here is hoping and praying that our lives will get back to some form of normalcy during the new year.

Speaking of the new year, the Chapter also has an election to select our Chapter officers for the 2021 – 2022 Board. The middle of this month, I will be emailing a ballot (one per membership) for you to complete and return before the end of December. Therefore, please be on the lookout for it and return it as soon as possible (you don't have to wait until the end of December).

I have not thrown my hat in the proverbial ring to continue to be



Editor's Message

Jeannette Harper

Fall is definitely in the air! And you know what THAT means.... colder weather in many parts of the continent - we have already seen an early snowfall in the Rockies, parts of Canada as well as east coast and even New Mexico!

As Larry mentioned in his President's Comments, we really need members to become more active in the AlfaSee Yas Chapter! Who, among you, will come forward as the Chapter Secretary or Treasurer?

I found some interesting information about Thanksgiving which is 'celebrated' in multiple countries and on a variety of days. I never knew!!

For all of you celebrating Thanksgiving, I hope you have a wonderful day! And for those celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or something else in December, all the best. And of course, here's hoping everyone is staying safe and healthy and may that continue into the new year!

Happy trails y'all!

on the Board. Therefore, this is my last "President's Message". I personally thank all the Board members that I have had the pleasure of serving with and for. Ray and Randy are great mentors and provided invaluable insight and historical perspective to me during the last couple of years. They, along with Suzanne, Marvin, and Dale were always there to provide advice, assistance, and were a great sounding board for ideas, policy, and procedures. Although they are no longer members, I also thank John Bohn, Tony Monson, Tim Dean, and Mike Lynch for their guidance and support as I served as your Alternate and then National Director. As the saying goes, "time flies when you are having fun", and time has really flown. I have truly enjoyed serving the Chapter and will continue to support the Chapter in whatever manner I can and are able to do so.

As of this writing, we do **not** have nominees for the Chapter Secretary or the Treasurer positions which brings me to the next topic.

I don't know how else to say this or get it across to each of you, so here goes. Members **must step up and be more involved**. Involvement comes in two forms - being a Chapter Rally Wagon Master AND being an officer on the Chapter's Executive Board. The Rally Wagon Master's and the leadership roles of this Chapter have been borne by a small fraction of the membership. This needs to change.

Regarding Chapter leadership, the Chapter has been active as a FMCA chapter for approximately 18 years and has had nine Boards. A Board of six officers is elected every 2 years. That equates to 54 officer positions that have been filled over those 18 years. Yet, **only** 23 individual members and, more importantly, **only** 17 member families, out of a membership that has ranged from well over 500 to approximately 150 members today, have stepped forward during those nine elections to keep this Chapter viable and active within the FMCA. To put it another way, each person who has been on the Board, has served an average of more than two terms (four plus years), and each family who has been on the Board, has served an average of more than three terms (six plus years). Either we get more people involved, or the Chapter will die a slow death. Randy and Ray have served on the Board far more than the rest of us. Ray has sold his Alfa motor home and will no longer be eligible to be a member of the AlfaSee Yas

or the FMCA. Randy has agreed to continue to be on the Board as the Vice President, but for only one more term. Therefore, these two stalwarts of the Chapter will no longer be there to pull our bacon out of the fire.

Members need to do the right thing and step up to be on the Board AND to be Chapter Rally Wagon Masters!

I apologize for the rant, but I felt I needed to put this out there.

If we do not get to see you before the holidays, Shirley and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

See 'ya down the road.

Hear ye! Hear ye!

We hope some of YOU are considering stepping up and taking on one of the roles of officers in our chapter. Yes??? If you are straddling the line of 'should I?' or even 'could I?' - please take a moment and contact one of the current officers and ask them any questions you might have about the position you are considering!!

The clock IS ticking and running out of time!!!





Upcoming Rallies:

Until further notice, all rallies have been cancelled. Hopefully we will have good news once the quarantine and 'shelter in place' is lifted...

New Members

John and Darlene White, F510170, Canton, Georgia

Final Journey:

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

Diana Manners, F347781, wife of Dale Manners, Sacramento, California

Jack Stanley, F390033, Rescue, California



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Web Info: http://alfaseeyas.com/pdf/Burrows_MH4Sale.pdf

Thanksgiving!

by Jeannette Harper

Thanksgiving - I really thought I knew the when, where and why but was I surprised to see what I didn't know!

Thanksgiving is celebrated as a national holiday in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Liberia as well as in Leiden (Netherlands), Norfolk Island (Australia) and Puerto Rico.

It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year.

A bit of history

Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvest and at other times. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest festival, even though the harvest in New England occurs well before the late-November date on which the modern Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated.

The question of where the first Thanksgiving was held in the United States has been a subject of debate, primarily between New England and Virginia, complicated by the concept of Thanksgiving as a holiday celebration versus a religious service. The day for Thanksgiving services specifically codified in the founding charter of *Berkeley Hundred* in 1619 was instrumental in President John F Kennedy's attempt to strike a compromise between the regional claims, by issuing Proclamation 3560 On November 5, 1963, stating, " Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the love which bound them together, and for the faith which united them with their God."

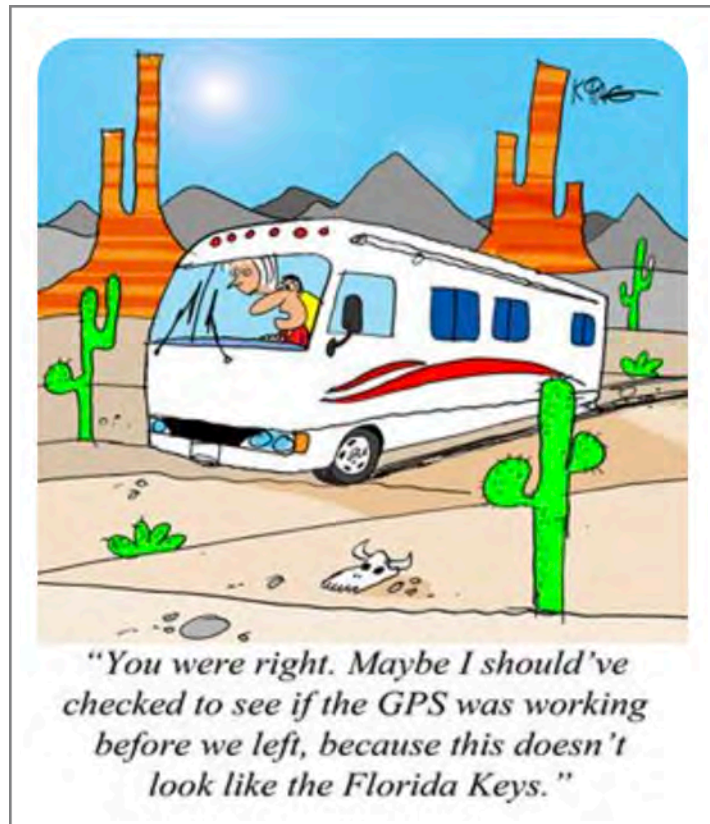
The first official, annual Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated on 6 November 1879, though Indigenous peoples in Canada have a history of celebrating the fall harvest that predates the arrival of European settlers. Sir Martin Frobisher and his crew are credited as the first Europeans to celebrate a Thanksgiving ceremony in North America, in 1578. They were followed by the inhabitants of New France under Samuel de Champlain in 1606. The celebration featuring the uniquely North American turkey, squash and pumpkin was introduced to Nova Scotia in the 1750s and became common across Canada by the 1870s. In 1957, Thanksgiving was proclaimed an annual event to occur on the second Monday of October. It is an official statutory holiday in all provinces and territories except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.

Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS.

Important Thanksgiving Day traditions in the U.S.:

- ✓ The Turkey
- ✓ Cranberry Sauce
- ✓ Cracking the wishbone
- ✓ Macy's Parade
- ✓ Thanksgiving Day football
- ✓ Holiday Movies

[This made me think of all of you now (or soon?) residing in Arizona for the 'cold' months! Hubby and I had a few 'oops' issues with our GPS when still traveling but nothing to this extent! Jmh]



Paying tribute - Veteran's Day

by Jeannette Harper

On the morning of November 11, 1918, after four years of war, Allied and German powers met in Rethondes, France, to sign an armistice that halted the hostilities of World War I. The agreement was signed shortly after 5:00 a.m. and went into effect at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, finally bringing to an end the carnage of the Great War - the war thought by many to be the war that would end all wars. One year later, on the first anniversary of the armistice, President Woodrow Wilson turned the nation's thoughts toward those who had sacrificed on America's behalf. He proclaimed the first Armistice Day, both to honor the services of the troops and to celebrate the opportunity that victory provided for the United States to advance the cause of peace and justice in the world.

The first Armistice Day was conceived as a day to be set aside for public parades, meetings and a two-minute suspension of all business activity at 11:00 a.m. Other countries also observed the day with many British Commonwealth nations using the red poppy - taken from John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields" (1915) - to honor their fallen soldiers.

In 1921, the United States Congress approved the creation of the country's own *Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier* and set aside November 11 of that year as a federal holiday to honor all those who served in the war. At an Armistice Day ceremony officiated by President Warren G. Harding, an unidentified American soldier killed in France - "a soldier known but to God," as the tomb's inscription states - was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Five years later, on June 4, 1926, Congress, once again in the spirit of promoting international peace, passed a resolution that officially recognized the end of the Great War and encouraged the continued annual observance of Armistice Day.

Veteran's Day coincides with other holidays including [Armistice Day](#) and [Remembrance Day](#) which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of [World War I](#). At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from [Memorial Day](#), a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had died while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, [Armed Forces Day](#), honors those currently serving in the U.S. military. Additionally, [Women Veterans Day](#) is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honors women who have served in the U.S. military.

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

(Follow Leisure Coachworks on Twitter & like Us on Facebook)

Blue Sky Mobile RV Repair (RVDA Certified Master Technician) Tucson, AZ (502) 668-4038

Website: <http://blueskyrvservice.com/> Email: blueskyrv@gmail.com

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

Website: www.calrvspecialists.com

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

MCIRV (PJ Miller), Nappanee, IN (574) 252-9158 Website: <https://www.mcirv.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.

- If you use an on-line bill payer, make sure your bank has the correct address.

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There's more!

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 :-)