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## On our GPS...

### April 2022:

AOC Rally in Branson MO has been rescheduled for 2022!

### FMCA 'news'

Check out the 'events' webpage for various chapter rally's across the U.S.

Mar 10-13, 2021 - Perry Georgia

## President's Message

by *Mark McGuire*

**October 1, 2004** I walked through the doors of a local RV showroom here in Bakersfield, flung open the doors and said, "I'm here for my mid-life crisis, sell me an RV." On October 8, we drove out with a new 31' Class C, Coachman Santara. Three motorhomes later we find ourselves here in 2021, traveling around the country trying to fill in our map. We still have the eastern seaboard to go (dang COVID) and 1000's of miles to catch up with the more traveled members of our organization. We have met and continue to meet the most wonderful people. That's why we do this RV thing. Now don't get me wrong... it's still about finding great wine to drink and BBQ to eat, but meeting new friends has been an unexpected and wonderful addition to our travels.

My name is Mark McGuire. My wife (Margie to all and Margaret to me) and I have been married for 43 years. We have two daughters - Katie, along with her husband and their two daughters live in Portland, Oregon while our other daughter, Karlee and her husband live in Corvallis, Oregon. We are both retired educators: Margie as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and I as a High School Band Director. There is a long line of educators in both of our families. We survived to tell a bunch of pretty funny stories!

Yesterday, both of us received our 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID vaccination shot. No problems, except for sore arms. I hope all of you are in line to get your shots as well, especially after FMCA [https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/covid\\_info\\_for\\_attendees.pdf](https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/covid_info_for_attendees.pdf) sent this out prior to the Perry event. I have a feeling that this will be happening more and more before we are able to participate in



## Editor's Message

*Jeannette Harper*

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Once again, FMCA is 'postponing' many sanctioned rally's due to COVID-19. I hope you and yours are staying safe and healthy wherever you are!

As many of you now know, we have NEW officers! Congratulations to them and to you, our club members for stepping forward and volunteering your time to this worthy cause. After all, without members, where would we be??

I am reaching out to all of you and asking - do YOU have a favorite memory, RV park, campsite you want to share?? Hubby and I never went 'boon docking' but I know many of you have! Why? What did you like about it?

Happy trails y'all!

various RV club events. I was a Boy Scout. So you know what my motto is...

Since our last newsletter, there has been an election of new chapter officers: Mark McGuire – President, Randy Scott - Vice President, Sep Whaley – Secretary AND Treasurer and Marvin Berry – National Director. **We have an opening for Alt National Director and need someone to step up for this position.** We also have Jeannette Harper continuing to pull double duty as the volunteer Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. Thank you everyone!

Updated 2022 AOC National Rally information is elsewhere in this newsletter and also on our website at <http://www.alfaseeyas.com/index.htm> I don't know about you, but we are ready for some traveling again. Especially after the week we had following Quartzsite: an afternoon stuck on the CA 101 with a busted heater hose, a day getting it fixed, WIND-WIND-WIND (thank you Pineapple Express) and over 5 inches of rain which kept us grounded for the next 3 days in Paso Robles, CA... (even though we were stuck at one of our favorite RV parks with over 330 spaces which had just re-opened the day before and had only 5 rigs there the entire time and we had 4 bottles of our favorite Pinot Noir left and knew if we ran out there was an Albertson's market nearby which has THE LARGEST wine selection ever, and were VERY thankful we weren't stuck an hour south which received over 15 inches of rain during those 3 days... because... we had found another leak in the front corner of the main slide. To top it off, the front passenger side hydraulic leveler has been leaking) We're now getting the entire heater hose replaced with 10 hours of labor and the leveler next week) Yeah... we're ready!

## *Valentine's Day - February 14th*

*by Jeannette Harper*

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring.



In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid.

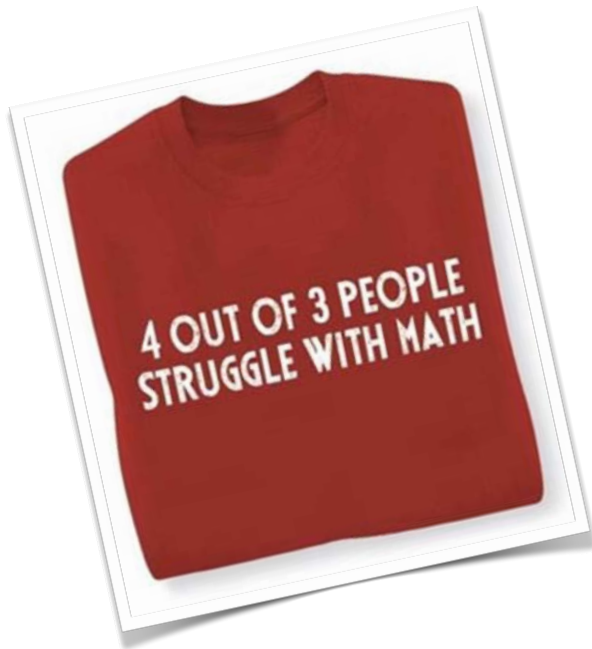
Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).



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## Upcoming Rallies:

### **FMCA's 102nd International Convention & RV Expo - Perry Georgia 3/10-13/2021**

Registrations page: <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-event-registration#> (This and additional FMCA sanctioned events...)

### **AlfaSeeYas Chapter Outing - Eagles Next NM - Sept 2021**

See the article in this issue. Registration and more info coming this summer!

## New Members

**Boyd Adams, F487652, Grosse Ile, Michigan**

**Bob and Judie Allen, F357153, Palm Desert, California**

**Chuck and Pat Jeter, F332657, Stockton, California**

**Roy and Betty Ann McTaggart, F406345, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**





## SAVE THE DATE!

**2022 Alfa Owners Club Rally (AOC)**

**America's Best Campground (ABC)**

BRANSON, MISSOURI

[abc-branson.com](http://abc-branson.com)

AOC Rally Dates

Arrival April 24, departing May 1, 2022

(Sunday to Sunday)

## *Recipe - Broccoli Cranberry Salad*

*by Jeannette Harper (Recipe courtesy of Ocean Spray)*

I love a GOOD broccoli salad and have been searching for many years for a recipe that will provide such a salad. I think this is IT... (Some years back, hubby and I stayed at a KOA campground in Greybull WY. We stopped at a local grocery store for supplies and brought home some of their broccoli salad. Oh my gosh - it was MORE than yummy!!)

### **Salad**

5 cups broccoli florets, cut into 1-inch pieces

1/2 cup red onion, chopped

1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

1 cup bacon, cooked and crumbled

1 cup sunflower kernels

3/4 cup dried cranberries

### **Dressing**

1 cup mayonnaise or similar salad dressing

1/4 cup sugar

2 Tbsp red wine vinegar

1/2 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

Combine all salad ingredients in a large bowl; mix well. Combine dressing ingredients in a small bowl; using a fork or wire whisk, mix until smooth. Add dressing to salad; blend well. Refrigerate 1 hour to chill. Makes 6 to 10 servings.



**Breaking News:****On The Road INTO Lebanon** Guests,

After much discussion, the INTO Board has concluded that the prudent decision is to postpone the April 2021 Lebanon rally. When we began planning this rally early last year, we had hoped that COVID-19 would only be a memory by this time. The health and well-being of our guests is our top priority and we are not confident that we can conduct a great rally and keep everyone safe. The slow rollout of the vaccine coupled with the increasing loads on hospitals and the fact that most of our Guests are in the high risk category make moving to 2022 the right decision.

We are rescheduling **On The Road INTO Lebanon** for May 23 to 27, 2022 in Lebanon, TN. Everyone currently registered will be the first ones to receive our new registration information. The rally cost will remain the same for 2022 and we hope to see everyone signed up to enjoy it with us.

A full refund will be issued to all registered guests in the coming week. We will send the refund check to the address you provided on your registration form. If this is not correct please send an Email to our treasurer at [jimfitztrver@gmail.com](mailto:jimfitztrver@gmail.com).

Stay safe and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in 2022,



## *AlfaSeeYas Chapter Outing News*

**by Randy Scott** (updated 2/12/2021)

Last summer (July 2020), Leigh and Suzanne Conner, and myself, went to Eagle Nest, NM and spent 6 days at the Golden Eagle RV Park. Eagle Nest is located in the NE part of New Mexico, at an elevation of about 8500 feet, about 9 miles NE of the resort town of Angel Fire. The folks at the Golden Eagle RV Park were very friendly (they even own an Alfa motorhome!), and we talked with them about the possibility of having a chapter outing/rally there in Sept 2021. They have a small restaurant (with good food - including BBQ once or twice a week), plus a separate room that we can meet in and have our own meals/socials if we desire. They have a pontoon boat that the RV park owner will take us out on the nearby lake to see the dam, and also out on fishing trips for guests - free of charge. September should have good weather (not too hot or cold during the day, cool at night).

There are several restaurants and shops in the small town of Eagle Nest, and there are more shops and restaurants in the nearby larger town of Angel Fire. Angel Fire is a ski resort in the winter; they do give rides up the ski lift in the non-snow months, which provides a great view of the valley. Angel Fire also has a beautiful Vietnam War Memorial (chapel, museum and gift shop - with a pretty view of the valley), established by a man whose son was killed in the war.

About 26 miles west of Angel Fire is Taos, NM - a larger city with lots of things to see and do, plus a number of shops and restaurants. One of the things we did was to drive to Taos for the day. We both have dogs, and used a highly recommended "doggie day-care" facility in Taos to take our dogs to while we spent the day in Taos. The main requirement to have our dogs stay there was to make sure they had a Bordetella shot (mine didn't, so I used a nearby vet to do so). One of the things we did in Taos was to take a bus tour of the area, where we saw a number of interesting sites, restaurants and shopping areas. We talked to the tour company owner - he could give us our own private tour - which would include a tour of the Pueblo Indian reservation, where we could have a special lunch prepared by the Pueblo Indians for us - hopefully we can do so within whatever Covid-19 restrictions may exist at the time. We just need to have a minimum of 20 people to arrange a private tour. We may make this an optional item on the Rally registration form.

Eagle Nest is most easily reached by taking Highways NM-58 and US-64 off of I-25 just north of the small town of Springer, NM, heading about 43 miles west to go head up to Eagle Nest. The last several miles are fairly curvy, but not really a problem for even large RVs. There are other ways to reach Angel Fire/Eagle Nest - from the south and from the west from Taos - but the way in from I-25 near Springer is the one most recommended for larger RVs.

Suzanne, Leigh and I will be the co-wagon masters for this AlfaSeeYas chapter outing. We are planning it to be from Sept 10-17, 2021. The Rally rate will be about \$45-\$50 per night for a 50-Amp site, paying for 6 nights, with the seventh free. The RV park will honor the Rally rate for a few days prior and after the outing too. We will likely arrange to have some meals catered (as we usually do at our chapter outings), social gatherings, and also see about arranging any group meals at local restaurants - as folks may desire.



We are looking for expressions of interest from chapter members if you think this outing is something you would like to do (so far we have folks in 11 RVs interested). Guests (and non-Alfa RVs) are also welcome. We would like to have at least 20 persons interested to also arrange the private bus tour.

Please email me (Randy Scott at [rscott@antelecom.net](mailto:rscott@antelecom.net), or Leigh and Suzanne at [pappaconaz@yahoo.com](mailto:pappaconaz@yahoo.com)) to let us know if you are interested in this chapter outing. There is no obligation on your part at this point - we just want to see how many more folks are interested, as we may have to limit the number of attendees. We would expect to have registration forms out this summer, and will make sure those that have expressed interest will get first chance at signing up. If you could send us your interests no later than Apr 15, 2021, that would be great! We will also be sending out registration notices through emails, social media and the chapter newsletter.

Thanks so much!



How many times have we seen these signs and wondered???????

## Useful Internet Sites For Alfa Owners

**Our Chapter Website** - AlfaSee Yas.com [www.alfaseeyas.com](http://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](http://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 Owners:** <https://www.rvillage.com/group/1681/alfa-owners>

### Chapters of Alfa Owners:

**Alfa One** – Southern California

**Lonestars** - Texas

**Mavericks** – Central California

**Roadrunners** – Non-Regional (Full Time/Half Time/Part Time)

**South Loafers** – Southern California, Arizona & Nevada

NOT an AOC group - **Sunrisers** - Eastern US area

## Alfa Repair Facilities

**Leisure Coachworks** (formerly Alfateers), Fontana, CA (909) 428-6775 Website: [www.leisurecw.com](http://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](mailto:blueskyrv@gmail.com)

**Bob's Diesel Service**, 340 W 32<sup>nd</sup> St., PMB #150, Yuma, AZ (928) 941-6462

**Bretz RV**, Missoula, MT (406) 541-4800 Website: [www.bretzrv.com](http://www.bretzrv.com)

**California RV Specialists**, 110 S Cherokee Lane Ste B, Lodi, CA (209) 263-7040  
Website: [www.calrvspecialists.com](http://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](http://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:

AlfaSeeYas Chapter

c/o Sep Whaley

2165 Eagle Drive

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

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](mailto: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 :-)