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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.

July 07-10, 2021 - 103rd International Convention & RV Expo - Gillette WY

President's Message

by Mark McGuire

Sooo... continuing from the previous newsletter. Yes, we had the entire heater hose replaced (that was a chunk of change) as well as replacing one of the front hydraulic jacks. I was tired of walking downhill at an angle. The following month we had several other items repaired/replaced, one in which the previous owner (we've only had our 2004 SYG #72326 for 4 years) had given us incorrect information. We were told that the 6 house batteries had been purchased in 2017. They were really 2015. Yep, time to replace! Among a long list of items to be repaired, I also serviced the generator and hydro-hot. How I LOVE that hydro-hot!! (bear with me, there is a point)

Since buying our rig, I've kept a meticulous record of all repairs and expenditures. I am also very fortunate to have a mobile repair tech in town, who had worked on the line at Alfa Leisure when they were in business. He knows our rigs inside and out and has been an incredible help and inspiration to keep me on my toes. We have hundreds if not thousands of parts to constantly keep on top of. He has (at times) complained about all of the rigs he works on that have not been kept up. He says it's the little things which keep adding up that puts money in his pocket.

Another source of TREMENDOUS help is the **Groups.io** <https://groups.io/g/alfaseeya> site

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").

Just as our current rig is our favorite, (this is #3) I have a favorite wooden cooking spoon. It was given to me by my mom, which had been given to her by her mom and had been given to my grandmother by my great-grandmother. Right after I use it, I



Editor's Message

Jeannette Harper

Spring has sprung!

Well, somewhere it is Spring! A cousin of mine near Pittsburgh PA continues to receive 'frost warnings' after days in the 70's and 80's! How are our plants supposed to know what to do? Our home in Oregon continues to be in the 40's at night with daytime highs at mid-60's. I'm not complaining as I dislike the hot weather! This is wonderful



It seems FMCA is 'rolling back' dues! Read all about it in this issue.

We discovered, yesterday, Hwy 101 in California, below Crescent City has major delays due to a slide. I hope you all are checking out 'road conditions' before you head out!

Happy trails y'all!

I always wash by hand and NEVER in the dishwasher, wipe off excess moisture with a hand towel, air dry overnight, treat with mineral oil... you get the point. I take care of it! My great-grandmother would have been 161 years old this September. (Ancestry.com is a pretty cool place) No telling how old the spoon is. The point of my rambling: if I take care of my rig the way I take care of that spoon, it might be around for a few more years. Year 17 and counting!

Have you signed up for the 103rd FMCA International Convention & RV Expo – July 7-10, 2021 in Gillette, Wyoming? Go to <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-gillette-2021-learn-more> for information.

A personal request... I've created an Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/alfaseeyas/> which contains pictures of AOC rally patches from throughout the years and other tidbits. If current members or potential members want to take a look at where we've been, it's there. Maybe you have a grown child or grandchildren you want to share your trip pictures with? I have almost all of the patches **except** the following – 1987, 1992, 1994, 1996 and 2010. The request is this: do you have one of these patches you might be able to part with? I'd love to be able to have a complete set of patches for the archives. If you do have one or two to send me, I would be tremendously thankful. Please send to:

Mark L. McGuire
13809 Barnsdale Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93314

TTFN

Whenever my wife uses the phrase "I was thinking."

That means I either have to move, build, paint, or buy something.

May Day - May 1st

by Jeannette Harper

May Day (May 1) is a holiday rich in history and folklore, celebrating the return of spring! Learn about some of the fun traditions, from May Day baskets to dancing around the maypole.

Did you know that May Day has its roots in astronomy? It's the halfway point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice! In ancient times, this was one of the Celtic cross-quarter days which mark the midway points between the (four) solstices and equinoxes of the year.

As with many early holidays, May Day was rooted in agriculture. Springtime festivities filled with song and dance celebrated the sown fields starting to sprout. Cattle were driven to pasture, special bonfires were lit, and doors of houses as well as livestock were decorated with yellow May flowers. In the Middle Ages, the Gaelic people celebrated the festival of Beltane. Beltane means "Day of Fire." People created large bonfires and danced at night to celebrate.



May Day has a long history and traditions in England, some of which eventually came to America. Children would dance around the Maypole holding onto colorful ribbons. People would "bring in the May" by gathering wildflowers and green branches, weaving of floral hoops and hair garlands, and crowning a May king and queen. Such rites originally may have been intended to ensure fertility for crops and, by extension, for livestock and humans, but in most cases this significance was gradually lost, so that the practices survived largely as popular festivities.

The strict Puritans of New England considered the celebrations of May Day to be licentious and pagan, so they forbade its observance, and the springtime holiday never became an important part of American culture as it was in many European countries.

10 WAYS TO CELEBRATE MAY DAY

Why not celebrate May Day? Here are some joyful May Day traditions marking the return of spring and the renewed gift of life.

1. Among the many superstitions associated with May Day was the belief that washing the face with dew on the morning of May 1 would beautify the skin and bring good luck. We say, go ahead! Walk outside and sprinkle your face with morning dew (or snow!).
2. On May 1, people in Britain welcome spring by "Bringing in the May," or gathering cuttings of flowering trees for their homes. Bring in branches of forsythia, magnolia, redbud, lilac, or other flowering branches in your region!

3. Make that May Day Basket of flowers!
4. May 1 in Hawaii is called “Lei Day,” and people make pretty leis. Leis are garlands or wreaths that are often made with native Hawaiian flowers and leaves. These days, leis are given as a symbol of greeting, farewell, affection, celebration, or honor—all in the spirit of aloha. (Make a lei or a garland for your yourself or your mother!)
5. Kids would go barefoot on May Day for the first time. Whatever you age today, walk barefoot in the morning dew (or snow?). Encourage the kids to do the same!
6. In parts of Ireland, people would make a May bush; typically this was a thorn bush or branch decorated with flowers and ribbons. (Create your own May bush or tree! Just decorate with colored ribbons!)
7. Beekeepers traditionally moved bees on May 1.
8. Fishermen expect to catch fish on May Day.
9. Traditionally, farmers planted turnips on this day.
10. The [Kentucky Derby](#) starts off the month of May (the first Saturday of the month).



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

Upcoming Rallies:

FMCA's 103rd Internation Convention & RV Expo - Gillette WY July 07-10/2021

Registrations page: https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/gillette_2021/WY21_Registration_Form.pdf

AlfaSeeYas Chapter Outing - Eagles Next NM - Sept 2021

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

New Members

Bill and Barbara Murray, F301190, Elizabeth, CO

Final Journey

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

Bob Whaley, F455071, husband of Sep Whaley, Lake Havasu City, Arizona

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 Alfa Owners Club Rally (AOC)

America's Best Campground (ABC)

BRANSON, MISSOURI

abc-branson.com

AOC Rally Dates

Arrival April 24, departing May 1, 2022

(Sunday to Sunday)

Recipe - Hawaiian Macaroni Salad

by Jeannette Harper (Recipe courtesy of California avocados)

This recipe sounds so tasty! I confess, I haven't yet tried it....

Ingredients

3 cups (uncooked) large elbow macaroni
2 Tbsp. Apple cider vinegar
1 c mayonnaise
1/4 c milk
2 Tbsp. Sweetened condensed milk
1/4 c carrot - grated
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 ripe fresh California avocados, seeded, peeled and chopped into cubes
1 or 2 cleaned green onions

Directions

1. Cook the macaroni in salted boiling water until tender. Rinse the cooked pasta briefly with cold water then drain well. Toss the pasta with the apple cider vinegar in a large bowl and let it sit for 15 minutes to cool.
2. Add the mayonnaise, milk, sweetened condensed milk, grated carrot and sliced green onions to the macaroni and stir until the pasta is well coated. Season with the salt and pepper, then gently stir in the chopped avocados.
3. Cover the salad and chill in the refrigerator for at least one hour before serving. As the salad chills, the macaroni will absorb a lot of the dressing. When you are ready to serve the salad, you can add additional mayonnaise and/or milk if you want to make it more moist.



Breaking News:

International Area (INTO) Organization Chapters:

The FMCA Executive Board voted to continue the \$50 special annual dues rate until the Governing Board meets in Gillette, July 7, 2021.

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- If your membership has expired, you can renew at \$50 per year for up to three years using this link: <https://join.fmca.com/renew50/>
 - If your membership has not expired, but it expires within the next three years, you can extend the additional whole years for \$50 per year but may not have more than 3 years already paid.
 - For new memberships, the first year is \$60 including the initiation fee, and the new members can get an additional two years at \$50 per year. This is the link for new members to receive the discount: <https://join.fmca.com/join60-b/>

Your membership includes:

- FMCAassist
- Family RVing magazine subscription
- FMCA University
- Access to FMCA campground in Cincinnati (2 free nights per month)
- Advocacy (protecting your RV rights)
- Anti-theft decals for your RV
- Membership plates
- Mobile app for your smartphone

If you have any questions or any trouble getting renewed online, please call FMCA membership at (800) 543-3622 or (513) 474-3622



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 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

(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 :-)