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#### On our GPS...

#### September 10-17, 2021:

AlfaSeeYas Chapter Outing -Eagles Nest NM

#### FMCA 'news'

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

May 23 - 28, 2022 INTO Area Rally Lebanon TN

# President's Message

#### by Mark McGuire

When writing articles for newsletters, I never know what to write. Our newsletter editor will tell you I procrastinate A LOT. Why? Because I feel there are so many more knowledgeable members who know what they're talking about than I ever will. So, I'll stay away from the technical items. As I pointed out in the previous newsletter, we have the group support page (https://alfaseeya.groups.io/g/motorhomes) There is also very helpful information on this page of our AlfaSeeYas website.

My wife and I recently returned from what I call our "Death Tour" of San Diego. My wife's family is buried in various parts of the county which we visit from time to time. Her mom and dad are together at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, up on top of Point Loma overlooking the Pacific side. It's beautiful!! If you've ever been there, you know. The east side of the cemetery overlooks all of San Diego and the harbor. It's mesmerizing to watch airplanes flying in and out of San Diego airport, military helicopters making their rounds from various locations, sailboats gliding back and forth as well as checking out the Navy submarine base. You see all this while standing in one spot. It's pretty cool. Our trip usually coincides with our anniversary, this being #44. Margaret was able to snag tickets to the inaugural weekend of the Rady Shell at Jacobs Park. This is an absolutely stunning location on San Diego Bay. The artists for the evening were an a cappella group known as Naturally 7 (unbelievable) and the incomparable Gladys Knight. At 77, she still has it!! I would highly recommend going to an event at this new venue. Plan WAY in advance or hope to find tickets. A little expensive, but worth the experience.

Our home base for the week was the new, <u>Sun Outdoors San</u>
<u>Diego Bay Resort.</u> For the past several years we have stayed at the <u>Chula Vista RV Resort.</u> We heard from several of their



## **Editor's Message**

## Jeannette Harper

Summer means heat and smoke!

The Western part of the U.S. is still dealing with forest fires! I'm not sure there is a single western state that doesn't have a fire burning! And with fires comes smoke. (Along with clogged roads, ash, and emergency equipment...)

To make matters worse, many areas in the West have been dealing with hellish hot temps.

I continue to check the status but, 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!

employees that Chula Vista will finally be closing on Oct. 16th. We've heard this for several years... maybe this time it's true.

I don't know if you all have noticed, the e-bike revolution has really taken over. Geez, many families have one... or two. I just want to find a 3 wheeler bike rack for my CRV which will also hold a 2 wheeler. Is that too much to ask?

**TTFN** 

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## August, September and October

#### by Jeannette Harper

The next newsletter will probably be released in November. But what do we know about the 3 months prior to November? I did some research and came up with the following...

**August** - is the 8th month of the year and has 31 days. In the Northern Hemisphere, it is in the SUMMER season.

#### Symbols of August:

Birthstone: Agate or onyxFlower: Gladiolus or poppyZodiac Signs: Leo and Virgo

#### Holidays within August include:

- Friendship Day
- National Catfish Month
- · Peach Month

#### Fun facts:

- It is the last of the summer months
- · August, in the Northern Hemisphere, is similar to February in the Southern Hemisphere
- Many cultures call this month the harvest month or the time of harvest.

**September** - is the 9th month of the year and has 30 days. In the Northern Hemisphere, it is in the AUTUMN season.

#### Symbols of September:

• Birthstone: Sapphire

• Flower: Aster

Zodiac Signs: Virgo and Libra

#### Holidays within September include:

- Labor Day
- Grandparents Day
- Talk Like a Pirate Day

#### Fun facts:

- It is the first of the autumn or fall months
- September, in the Northern Hemisphere, is similar to March in the Southern Hemisphere
- American college and professional football begins during the month of September.
- Many kids begin school year during this month.

**October** - is the 10th month of the year and has 31 days. In the Northern Hemisphere, it is in the AUTUMN season.

#### Symbols of October:

• Birthstone: Opal and pink tourmaline

• Flower: Calendula

• Zodiac Signs: Libra and Scorpio

#### Holidays within October include:

• Columbus Day

• Halloween

• National Dessert Month

• National Pizza Month

#### Fun facts:

- It is the second of the autumn or fall months
- Every year, October ends on the same day as February.
- Keep an eye out for the Draconid meteor shower in the late evening of October 9, and the Orionid meteor shower in the predawn hours of October 21–22.



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## **Upcoming Rallies:**

#### AlfaSeeYas Chapter Outing - Eagles Nest NM - Sept 2021

Co-wagon masters Randy Scott, and Leigh & Suzanne Conner. We have 16 RVs with 30 RVers signed up and are looking forward to a great time this September 10-17!

## **New Members**

Matt and Elle Duff, F520241, Brian Head, UT

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

2022 Alfa Owners Club Annual Rally (AOC)

America's Best Campground (ABC)
BRANSON, MISSOURI
abc-branson.com

AOC Rally Dates
Arrival April 24, departing May 1, 20<u>22</u>
(Sunday to Sunday)
A registration form will be out later this year.

### Recipe - Root Beer Float Cake/Cupcakes

#### by Jeannette Harper (Recipe courtesy of TheReluctantEntertainer.com)

I tried this recipe! Oh my gosh - tasty and moist for sure! The recipe talks about a cake but I opted for cupcakes...

#### **Ingedients**

I pkg white cake mike
I c root beer
I/4 c water
I/2 c canola oil
3 eggs

I tsp root beer extract (I confess, this was hard to find...)

4 c powdered sugar

1 pkg cream cheese, softened (8 oz)

1/2 c butter, softened (1 stick)

1 tsp. root beer extract

1 tsp vanilla extract



#### **Directions**

- I. Preheat oven to 350°
- 2. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, root beer, water, oil, extract and eggs. Beat on low speed for 2 minutes or stir by hand for 3 minutes.
- 3. Pour into a greased 13 x 9 baking pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes to clean.
- 4. Cool completely.
- 5. In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, butter and extracts. Gradually fold in the powdered sugar.
- 6. Beat until soft peaks form. Frost the cooled cake/cupcakes. Store in refrigerator before serving.

**Note:** I made cupcakes instead of a cake. And, I only added 3 cups of powdered sugar rather than the 4...

#### MURPHY'S LAWS

Murphy's Law of the Open Road: When there is a very long road upon which there is a one-way bridge placed at random, and there are only two cars on that road, it follows that: (1) the two cars are going in opposite directions, and (2) they will always meet at the bridge.

## **Useful Internet Sites For Alfa Owners**

Our Chapter Website - AlfaSee Yas.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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/alfaowners/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/alfaowners/</a>

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: <u>blueskyrv@gmail.com</u>

**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

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/

Mike Ewing, Summerdale, AL (251) 508-3102 email: ewingrvrepair@gmail.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. **New Members:** please use the <u>membership application form</u> on the Chapter website.

• 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: <a href="http://www.alfaseeyas.com/pdf/orderformRev.pdf">http://www.alfaseeyas.com/pdf/orderformRev.pdf</a> 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 :-)