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On our GPS...

January 27, 20221:

AlfaSeeYas Chapter Business Meeting -Black Rock RV Park, Brenda AZ (near Quartzsite)

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 Randy Scott, Vice President

Hello and Happy New Year to all our members! I'm writing this column as your Chapter Vice-President, as our President, Mark McGuire resigned recently. In addition, we are looking for a replacement Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, and replacement Alternate National Director. More on that a bit later.

We certainly hope you have had a safe and hopefully healthy finish to the year 2021- it certainly was "interesting" (to say the least!) - especially with the "ups and downs" of the pandemic - our hopes of it decreasing in intensity being impacted by the new variants that seemed to pop up. I imagine most of us have either had some version of it, or certainly known some others who have, plus the tragedy of knowing so many whose lives were shortened by it.

We continue to see some Alfas being sold by their current owners, and at least one new owner a week - primarily identified on social media (such as the 3 FaceBook sites devoted to Alfas). Please encourage them to join our chapter, as well as be informed of the various Alfa owners groups and the Alfa Annual Owners Rally which is coming up in April 2022 (after being postponed the last two years due to the pandemic). We certainly regret - but understand - current owners who have given up using their Alfa, but on the other hand want to welcome new owners and their "new blood" they can bring to our chapter!

In this issue, you'll find an article on our fantastic Chapter Newsletter Editor and Web Site manager - Jeannette Harper. Many of us have come to "know" her - through all her volunteer efforts on behalf of our chapter - but have yet to meet her in person! We still hope to do so at a future event! Also in this issue is an article on our recent chapter Rally in Eagle Nest, NM. We had a lot of fun - especially enjoying the area and the



Editor's Message

Jeannette Harper

My last message was talking about summer weather! Winter is the issue these days - and winter driving with all that entails...

Across the country, we see pictures of highways and byways clogged with traffic that has come to a standstill. Whether due to snow and ice or flooding, please remember to check the highway department of the state you are driving in/through!

I continue to check the status but, Hwy 101 in California, below Crescent City has major delays due to a slide. (1-lane, controlled traffic! She's open!)

Thanks, to Randy and all involved for the kind thoughts and wonderful 'thank you' gifts! I love doing what I do and as long as you can put up with me, I will keep it up 😊

Happy trails y'all!

efforts on behalf of our chapter - but have yet to meet her in person! We still hope to do so at a future event! Also in this issue is an article on our recent chapter Rally in Eagle Nest, NM. We had a lot of fun - especially enjoying the area and the mild summer weather. We want to encourage all our members to propose rallies and locations - and even be rally masters. In addition to picking the rally location, and the tangible benefits of being a rally master or co-rally master (your site fee and basic registration fees paid, plus receiving a chapter jacket), there are many intangible rewards - especially the great appreciation of all attendees! We urge you to suggest rally locations to us, and want you to know that we have a lot of information on how to hold a chapter rally, as well as a number of past rally masters who are very willing to answer questions and provide advice. Also, we have been able to get together successfully while still observing the Covid protocols appropriate to FMCA rules, as well as those of the areas in which we travel and group together.

As I mentioned earlier, we do have a need for volunteers to run for several chapter offices. Mark McGuire recently reluctantly resigned as Chapter President - due to ongoing Covid related health concerns and that they are in the process of selling their Alfa. Mark was elected effective Jan 2021. We need someone to fill out the rest of his term (until Jan 2023). I would hope that person would then be willing to run for a full term after that, but there is certainly time to decide. I am still the Chapter Vice President (having served 4 years as Chapter President, then 7 years - so far - as Vice President - primarily to help the newly elected Chapter President transition in - and will continue to do so). Sep Whaley is our current Secretary/Treasurer, but due to the tragic passing of her husband Bob the middle of last year, she is selling their Alfa and would like for someone to take over her position. She is very willing to help the new person transition into the position. Marvin Berry continues to be our National Director, but Mike Kirk resigned as Alternate National Director shortly after our last election, as he had changed his mind about serving. So, we need volunteers to run for the positions of Chapter President, Secretary/Treasurer and Alternate National Director. I appeal to all of you to consider "throwing your name in the hat" to help our chapter. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested, or know of another member who

might be. I can be reached via cell phone/text at (661) 839-4526, or email: rscott@antelecom.net. I would like to be able to have a slate of candidates soon, that we can then send out ballots to all our members to obtain the new officers soon.

Since the FMCA Western Area Rally was cancelled again for Jan 2022 (it wasn't held Jan 2021 either), our usual practice of having an AlfaSee Yas chapter rally in association with it - and an annual chapter business meeting during that rally - won't occur again this year. Instead, we will be having a chapter business meeting during the South Loafers owners chapter rally being held in Brenda, AZ (at the Black Rock RV Park just outside of Quartzsite) on Jan 27 at 9:30 am. All AlfaSee Yas chapter members in the Quartzsite area at that time are invited to attend this meeting! I don't know if this newsletter will reach you before that, but we do plan on sending out an announcement to all members in advance too. We encourage you to attend our annual business meeting, as well as please consider submitting your name as a candidate for one of our officer vacancies.

Thank you.



(I have been wanting to use this photo for quite some time!! jmh)



2007 Alfa SeeYa So Long
Contact: kennethjayhall@aol.com
(561) 289-3205

2008 Alfa Founder
Contact: heliel@aol.com
(818) 889-8804
Web Info: http://alfaseeyas.com/pdf/Burrows_MH4Sale.pdf

2007 Alfa SeeYa (long slide)
40', located in Chattanooga TN
Contact: rlduval69@yahoo.com

2006 Alfa SeeYa
40', located in Lake Havasu City, AZ
Contact: Sep Whaley
(805) 407-4461



**Please think about
volunteering to fill the
vacant officer positions!**

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The Club needs YOU!

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New Members

Michael Neale, F522949, Knoxville, TN

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 Alfa Owners Club Annual Rally (AOC)

America's Best Campground (ABC)

BRANSON, MISSOURI

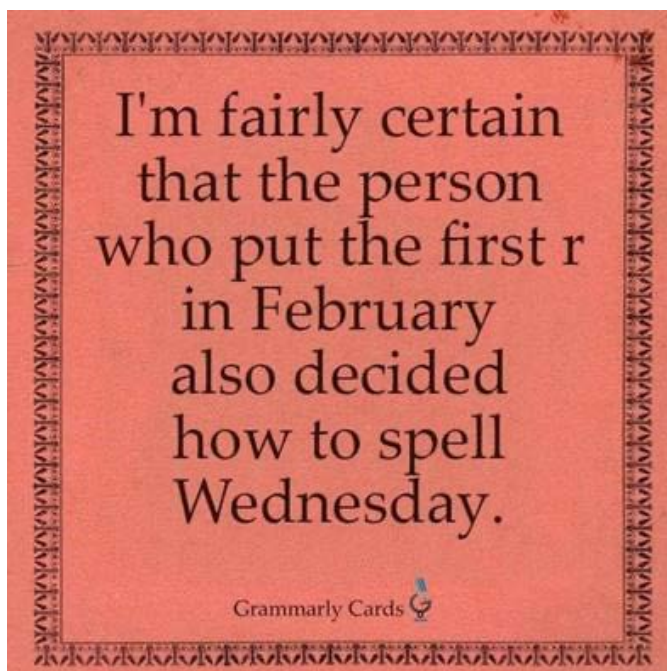
abc-branson.com

AOC Rally Dates

Arrival April 24, departing May 1, 2022

(Sunday to Sunday)

A registration form will be out later this year.



Recipe - Best Ever Pumpkin Muffins

by Suzanne Conner

Ingredients

- 1 3/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 15 oz. can pumpkin puree
- 1/2 coconut oil, melted
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°
2. Place paper liners into each well of your standard size muffin baking pan.
3. Measure out the flour, sugars, baking soda, salt and spices in a medium bowl and whisk together.
4. In another bowl, whisk together the eggs, pumpkin puree, coconut oil and vanilla extract.
5. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir together, (Do not over mix. Stir until everything is incorporated into the batter.)
6. Fill each pumpkin liner. (It is helpful to use a large scoop to evenly distribute the batter. They will be nearly full and this will help give your muffins nice putty dome.)
7. Bake your muffins for 20-22 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center a a muffin comes



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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Ronnie Wolfe/Dick Albritton, Choudrandt, LA (318) 372-8225 / (318) 278-1677

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dickalbritton@gmail.com

DUES:

- If sending dues via U.S. Mail:

AlfaSeeYas Chapter
c/o Sep Whaley
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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 [membership application form](#) on the Chapter website.

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

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Alt. National Director	Vacant	
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Website Administrator (volunteer)	Jeannette Harper	<u>jh@budlink.us</u>

There's more!

AlfaSeeYas Chapter Eagle Nest Rally

By Randy Scott

We held a successful chapter rally in Eagle Nest, NM in September 2021. The Rally Masters were Leigh and Suzanne Conner, and myself. We held the Rally from Sept 10 to Sept 17, 2021 at the Golden Eagle RV Park in Eagle Nest, NM. For those of you not familiar with it, Eagle Nest is situated in the Northwestern portion of New Mexico, east of Taos, and west of I-25, and is at about 8500 foot elevation. It is a small town, and the slightly larger town/winter ski area of Angel Fire is nearby. The Connors and I had visited Eagle Nest the previous year, met the folks who own/manage the park (Lisa and Nathan Karczynski), and were so impressed we decided we wanted to host a rally there in 2021. When we first arrived in the summer of 2020, we were greeted especially warmly by Lisa and Nathan, as they were also owners of an Alfa motorhome, and felt a "kinship" to our two Alfas when we pulled in! They have since sold their Alfa, and are looking for another one. (Thanks to Keith Tucker for the great photos!)



We had 17 RVs sign up for the rally, but unfortunately 3 had to cancel, but we still ended up with 14 (13 Alfas and one guest RV) with a total of 26 people in attendance. One owner was very new - having just purchased his shortly before the Rally - and had been at the Golden Eagle prior to us arriving - Nathan has a great amount of expertise working on RVs, and is an authorized service rep for several systems - including Aqua Hot. All of our attendees were provided and signed Covid-19 guidance and waivers - as provided by FMCA for rallies being held in 2021.



For our rally, we made great use of the Park's Club Room. The park provided us with two excellent catered dinners from their own restaurant, plus we had several continental

breakfasts and evening social hour periods in there as well. We played several games (such as card bingo and Left-Right-Center) - which of course allowed folks to voice their enthusiasm! We were treated to the great music of Robert Varner (a great singer/composer) on two different occasions, and the park arranged for us to have a magician one night - he was fantastic and very entertaining. We had arranged for a tour to an Alpaca farm nearby, which was conducted by the resident park tour leader Leroy Hinderliter. We carpoled to the farm, met and petted a number of Alpacas - as well as their dog guardians - and learned all about raising and shearing Alpacas too. We then followed Leroy to a small restaurant in the nearby town of Mora, and had a great lunch!



We also had an optional tour/lunch during the rally, which most of our attendees also participated in. The Conners and I had taken the Historic Taos Trolley Tour in 2020, as well as had eaten in a local Taos restaurant, so we elected to provide that as an option for our Rally in 2021. Our rally participants drove to Taos (about 26 miles away), met up at the trolley, and had a great private tour throughout Taos. Our host had lived there most of his life, so he was very informative and knowledgeable about the area. We were able to stop several times, including at the Millicent Rogers museum (an alternate to the Pueblo Indian reservation - which was still closed to the public due to the pandemic). Once we arrived back at the departure point (actually Atira's Southwest Store - she is the owner, and her husband Dave is the trolley tour leader), we were able to shop at Atira's with our tour participants receiving a discount from her. We then went to the nearby Gorge Bar & Grill restaurant, where we were able to chose from one of 5 pre-arranged meals and dessert - all of which we thoroughly enjoyed. Folks were then free to go further sightseeing (as several of us did to the Royal Gorge Bridge) and then return to the RV park.

During our stay in Eagle Nest, we were also able to see local sights, shop in the town and also nearby Angel Fire, go to nearby restaurants (as well as the one at the RV park), and see much of the surrounding countryside. Nathan provided to anyone interested free boat sightseeing and fishing trips on the nearby Eagle Nest Lake, and a number of us took advantage of his offer. Several of us took a side trip through the nearby town of Cimarron (a local western historic area), and then visited the NRA Whittington Center - a bit further north near Raton, NM. The Center is very interesting - it has a great gun museum, several shooting ranges, is the training site for many law enforcement and government organizations, and even has several campgrounds open to the public.

The last night of our rally, we had a drawing for several prizes, as well as several souvenir items that Lisa and Nathan contributed. We all felt like Lisa, Nathan and several of their staff were "honorary members" of our rally - they were so helpful and accommodating the whole time! If you ever decide to visit Eagle Nest, we highly recommend the Golden Eagle RV Park (www.GoldenEagleRV.com) - you can tell them we send our best wishes too! All-in-all, everyone seemed to have a great time at the Rally, with



several folks saying they wanted to come back to Eagle Nest and spend more time in the future - one of the great reasons for having chapter rallies at new locations! We certainly encourage all of our members to consider hosting a chapter rally - at the location of your choosing. We have a number of chapter rally planning documents, spreadsheets, etc. to help you plan and execute one, as well as a number of members who have done so and are willing to help

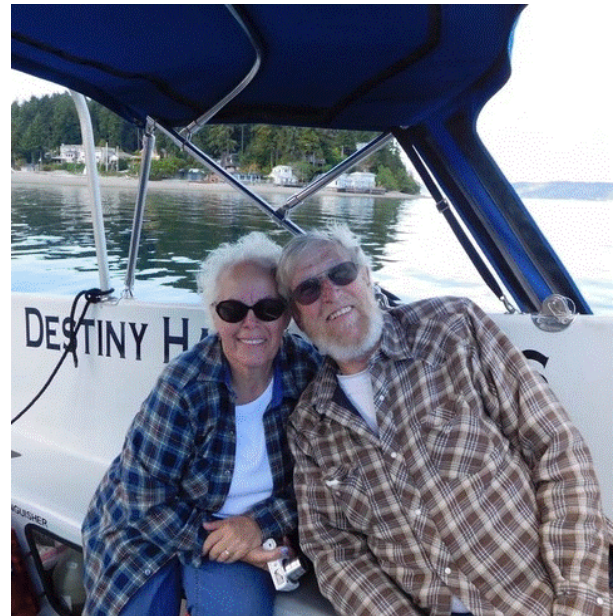
you too. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about putting on a chapter rally, please do not hesitate to contact one of our chapter officers! To see more of the outing photos, [go to the website](#).

Special Article

Randy Scott, VP - representing the AlfaSeeYas chapter.

As I'm sure most of you have noticed, Jeannette Harper has been both the editor of our AlfaSeeYas chapter newsletter, and our chapter web master for several years now. We are so appreciative of all her efforts, her expertise, and diligence in making sure both are excellent! I wanted to take a few moments and tell you a bit more about Jeannette.

Jeannette and her husband Norm joined the AlfaSeeYas chapter several years ago when they had their Alfa motorhome. Jeannette told me that ever since Norm first heard about an Alfa (they were still in production back then), he kept telling her 'If I could own an RV, it would be an Alfa.' Well, his dream came true and they so enjoyed living in theirs full time. However, she did miss having a 'home base' so they bought a home in Oregon but figured they would still be traveling. They had planned to attend several of our functions (chapter Rallies and the Alfa Annual Owners Rally), but sadly each time something came up, and they were not able to do so. Even though several of us communicated with her frequently, we had never met her in person and were looking forward to meeting them both! Sadly, Norm encountered some health problems, so their plans to continue seeing the USA, as the old car jingle says, came to a halt. They made the hard decision to sell their beloved Alfa. In July of 2020 they drove her to a dealership in North Bend OR that the purchasing couple were going to use as their 'agent'. The couple was ecstatic and Jeannette and Norm were a bit sad... (Norm took a test drive to make sure their Alfa had no mechanical issues and discovered he could no longer sit comfortably to drive - bummer!). Even so, Jeannette volunteered to stay on to produce our chapter newsletter and maintain our chapter web site!



We all very much appreciate her expertise and all the help she continues to give us - even though no longer owning a motorhome! We (the chapter Executive Board) decided we wanted to provide her with some small tokens of appreciation for the fantastic job she continues to do, so several months ago we sent her a bouquet of flowers, and several gift cards so she could purchase some of her favorite things (such as books for her electronic reader). Naturally, they were very much appreciated by her and we felt they were very much deserved! Jeannette continues to support us and we sure hope she is able to do so for the foreseeable future! (This photo was taken on one of their trips up in Gig Harbor WA)

Thank you so much Jeannette!



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The Club needs YOU!

Be aware....

Out-of-state campers are about to see fees go up for stays at RV site in Oregon State parks. Starting January 1, 2022, the state Parks and Recreation Department will be charging out-of-state visitors 25% more for RV site stays. The fee hike applies to all sites with hookups for recreational vehicles. In the new year, a typical RV site with sewer and electrical hookups will cost \$30-50 per night for non-residents, including lodging tax. This is compared to \$24-40 for Oregon residents.

*If YOU are aware of a **fee change** for RVers in other states, let me know and I will post it in an upcoming newsletter! Jeannette*

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 :-)