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## **On our GPS...**

Not much here...

## FMCA 'news'

Check out the '<u>events' webpage</u> for various chapter rally's across the U.S.

June 22-26, 2022 <u>FMCA Northwest Area Rally</u> North Bend/Coos Bay OR

## **President's Message**

### by Randy Scott, Vice President

Hello and welcome to another chapter newsletter. I am again writing this as your chapter Vice President, as we have yet to find a volunteer to run for election as the Chapter President. Speaking of elections: we were fortunate to obtain volunteers to run for Chapter Secretary/Treasurer - Nancy McDowell, and Chapter Alternate National Director - Craig McDowell. Thanks to those of you who voted in our special election, they were both elected for the remainder of the terms they are filling - through Jan 2023. We owe our special thanks to Sep Whaley, our previous Secretary/Treasurer, who agreed to stay on (after the death of her husband Bob and the sale of their Alfa) until we were able to find a replacement. We were able to transition all the duties and accounts, as well as do an audit at the same time, in April while several of us were together at the Annual Alfa Owners Rally in Branson, MO and Sep was at home in Arizona. We do hope our current officers will decide to run again for the next term (Jan 2023- Jan 2025), as well as we still need a volunteer to run for Chapter President. Our regular elections will be held this Fall, so please consider it - it is not a terribly time-consuming task, and you will be leading a great group of Alfa owners!

We had a good annual chapter business meeting this past January, held at the Blackrock RV Park outside of Quartzsite, AZ, during the annual South Loafers owners club outing there. Since many of the South Loafers members are also AlfaSeeYas members, and we again didn't have a chapter pre-rally in association with the January FMCA Western Area Rally (which was again cancelled for Jan 2022), we still had a good turnout - since we also had chapter members from other locations in the Quartzsite area attend. We emphasized the need for volunteers to run for chapter offices (and were fortunate to receive two); mentioned how we so much appreciated Jeannette Harper serving as our Newsletter Editor and Web Master (as I also mentioned in our last

#### Website: http://www.alfaseeyas.com



**Editor's Message** *Jeannette Harper* 

My last message was talking about winter weather! Rain is the issue these days - well in the Pacific Northwest anyway...

If you are thinking of heading out west and want someplace to go that is cooler than what's hitting many areas, there is an FMCA Rally in Coos Bay! June 22-26 at the Mills Hotel & Casino. You can register by calling FMCA Events Team at (800) 543-3622.

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!)

We were recently gifted with a large amount of olive oil! What do you do with olive oil other than cook with it or dip bread into it? Hmmm... I found a yummy cake to bake! The <u>recipe</u> <u>can be found here</u>...

Happy trails y'all!

newsletter); mentioned the several Diesel Fuel Card programs that many of us use for significant savings on fuel (including TSD Logistics, TCS and Mudflap); reminded folks of FMCAssist; listed a number of upcoming events; and reminded folks to please consider hosting a chapter rally. We had a drawing, and two existing members had their membership extended for 2 years each. The detailed meeting minutes are posted on our web site.

I mentioned above the Alfa Annual Owners Rally in Branson, MO. We held a successful Rally there in April 2022 (after having postponed it from 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic). It was a huge success starting off with the traditional Welcome Dinner, followed by a Hillbilly Party that featured the renowned Homestead Pickers band (check them out on YouTube). The week included many informational seminars, highlighted by Dave Rypma's Tech Talk and Tom Rogers' Smart RV zoom session. Alan Vore's seminars on the MicroTech Dual Compressor Thermostat and the Awning & Leveler Bluetooth/remote control app generated a lot of excitement and installations. A big thank you to Leisure Coach Works who sponsored the traditional barbeque, attended via Zoom, and donated LOTS of gift certificates. There were lots of fun raffle prizes as well. Rigs were washed and waxed, and the 2 sessions of RVs Open House were well attended. It's always interesting to see the interior improvements and modifications folks have made. The Pet Parade was very entertaining, and we're not talking about just the We did have significantly fewer attendees this year pets! likely due to the several postponements, the pandemic still existing and the current high fuel prices. We certainly hope to have attendance pick up in the future.

Also, we wanted to make sure you were aware: we do have two folks (Mike Vella and Steven May) who have volunteered to be Rally Master and Co-Rally Master for an Alfa Annual Owners Rally in 2023! No location has been set yet, nor a date - but there is a good possibility it will be back in the Southwest US, and likely a bit after Easter 2023 (which occurs on Apr 9, 2023). We will certainly keep you posted, and you should be looking for "save the date" types of messages in the future. We certainly encourage our chapter members to attend too, as there are a lot of good seminars on Alfas, vendors, activities, etc. It's also a good opportunity to talk with other Alfa owners, and especially see what modifications they have done to their RVs, as we all learn and "steal' ideas from each other.

Even though the AlfaSeeYas chapter is not a part of the Alfa Owners Club who puts on the Annual Owners Rally, many of us are also members of one or more of the Alfa owners chapters, and we use the occasion to have an informal AlfaSeeYas chapter meeting during the rally. We discussed a number of items, including providing information on FMCA - advantages of membership and details about our chapter; diesel fuel card programs; and future activities. We also obtained 4 new AlfaSeeYas chapter members during and after the meeting! Greetings to our new members - they are shown later in this newsletter! We had a drawing, and two existing members had their membership extended for 2 years each. The detailed meeting minutes are posted on our web site.

One of the major events coming up is the 105th FMCA International Convention and RV Expo in Lincoln, Nebraska Aug 24 to 27. We have several chapter members going - it should be a fun time and you should consider attending - although I don't know if there will still be time to register once you receive this newsletter. Hopefully you will have seen several messages and reminders from FMCA about it already. Our National Director Marvin Berry (along with his wife Pat) will be attending. Marvin will be representing our chapter at the annual FMCA Governing Board meeting that is held each year in conjunction with the Fall FMCA conventions. Any of you attending, please look up Marvin and Pat and say hello! If there are enough of our chapter members attending the convention, you may want to get together informally during that time.

I referred earlier to the FMCA annual rally usually held in early January each year at the Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio, CA. Our chapter for many years has done either a pre- or post-rally in conjunction with this rally, but it has been cancelled the last two years, due to the pandemic. I've been in contact with the Western Area President, asking whether they know yet if they will hold it in Jan 2023 - at this time they are not sure if they will have it, or if it will be at the usual venue, or somewhere else. Once that is determined, and if we then decide to have a chapter pre-or post-rally in association with it, we will let you know.

As we have said in all our newsletters, we want to encourage any and all of you to suggest potential venues for us to hold chapter rallies, and especially volunteer to help put one on. We do have a lot of information on how to hold a chapter rally, incentives for the rally and co-rally masters, and folks who are very willing to help out in planning and conducting one. If you have ideas and/or questions, please be sure to contact me, or any of our other chapter officers. Our chapter operates best when we have folks who are willing to "step up!.

Hope you continue to have happy and safe travels in your Alfa!

Randy Scott



## How's this for nostalgia?

Telephone numbers with a word prefix...

(Yukon 2-601. - *ours was Hazel 6-6490!!! Jmh*). Or, some of us remember when there were just 4 numbers with no word prefix at all. And, nearly everyone had a party line.



### **New Members**

Rick & Pam Gordon, F425215, Olalla WA Dave & Carol Johnson, F298015, Geneva OH Howard & Susan Klock, F——, Bothell WA Steven May, F528205, Minneapolis MN

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

FMCA's 105th International Convention & RV Expo

Lancaster Event Center LINCOLN NEBRASKA

August 24 to August 27, 2022

A registration form can be <u>found here</u> and soon on the Rally webpage.

## **USEFUL LINK!!!**

Here is a link to an article regarding RV fuel discounts ...

With the cost of diesel fuel skyrocketing these days, Randy Scott suggested adding some helpful information to this newsletter.

## Recipe - Blackened Salmon

### by Alyssa Rivers

Easy and amazing 'Blackened Salmon' is a foolproof way to cook restaurant-worthy salmon at home! The salmon is tender and flakey and packed with flavor that is going to wow your taste buds!

### Ingedients

1 pound salmon 1 tablespoon Olive Oil 2 tablespoons Blackened Seasoning *(recipe below)* or purchase at your local grocers

### Directions

- 1. Preheat a medium-sized nonstick skillet to medium-high heat. Rub the salmon with olive oil. Rub about 1 teaspoon of blackened season on the salmon.
- 2. Place the salmon, skin side up, and cook for about 3-4 minutes. Carefully flip and cook for an additional 3-4 minutes or until the salmon is opaque and flakes easily.

### **Blackened Seasoning:**

- 2 tablespoons Paprika
- 1 tablespoon Onion Powder
- 1 tablespoon Garlic Powder
- 1 teaspoon Cayenne Pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried Thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried Basil
- 1 teaspoon dried Oregano
- 1 teaspoon Black Pepper
- 1 teaspoon Salt

Combine the ingredients and store in an air tight container.

## **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:** <u>https://www.rvillage.com/group/1681/alfa-owners</u>

### Chapters of Alfa <u>Owners</u>:

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 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 Ronnie Wolfe/Dick Albritton, Choudrandt, LA (318) 372-8225 / (318) 278-1677 Emails: ronniewolfe78@gmail.com dickalbritton@gmail.com

### **DUES:**

• If sending dues via U.S. Mail:

AlfaSeeYas Chapter c/o Nancy McDowell, Treasurer PO Box 160 Middleton ID 83644

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!

## Some pics from Branson MO.



Winners for the dog competition: Linda Pearson, Brandi, Least Obedient Vi Polk, Coos, Best Tail Wagger Steve May, Oliver, Most Talented Bruce Hess, Ellie, Best Pet/Owner Lookalike Sid Zielke, Mandy, Best Vocal Performance









## Jeannette's memories:

I saw this picture the other day and it reminded me of when I was a kid....

We had a medium to smaller sized boxer dog. Hans was his name.

Our new neighborhood was a combination of fully constructed homes as well as lots with excavated crawl-spaces in the event of a tornado. (And we experienced 2 while living there.) Not the safest place at night but for the most part, we neighbors knew where to walk and where to avoid.

I took Hans for a walk one summer afternoon and felt like this when he took off after who knows what! (It would have been nice to have snow to cushion my eventual fall!) Neighbors kept yelling "Let go of the leash, Jeannette!" and I finally did! (I knew there would be hell to pay if I didn't get home WITH the dog! Hans had a tendency to run...) Hans went one way and I ended up in one of the excavation 'holes'! I was pretty bruised, that's for sure but nothing broken! Hans came running back to me with a smile on his face... (I have fond memories of that dog!!)



#### June 12, 2022

# **AlfaSeeYas Store**

Are you aware we have a couple neat items with our logo on it?? No? Go to: <u>http://www.alfaseeyas.com/pdf/orderformRev.pdf</u> 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: <u>rscott@antelecom.net</u>



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 :-)