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Alfa Owners Rally

Apr 17-24, 2023

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Yuma Arizona

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March 15-18, 2023

[FMCA 106th International](#)

[Convention & Rally](#)

Perry Georgia

President's Message

by Randy Scott, Vice President

Hello to all our members! I hope you had a great Holiday Season, and a good start to the New Year! It's hard to believe we are already into our third month of 2023 – every year seems to go even faster than the one before! I hope you have had some “good” weather where you live – although there sure have been reports this Winter of the many storms which have also caused damage – I hope you were able to avoid much of that! Here in California, we seem to be recovering from the drought – but have had so much rain and snow that it is also creating havoc for many residents! It's hard to know which predictions are accurate any more, with Mother Nature “changing her mind” often!

An update on my Alfa (you can refer to the details of this “saga” of it blowing the engine in our last newsletter!) – after considerable work, installation of a remanufactured engine, replacement of a number of other parts, it appears to be ready, and I am on my way to San Angelo, TX to pick it up and bring it home! What I thought would be a fairly short time frame has turned into almost 8 months of being without it. Take it from me – staying in locations (such as Quartzsite during the Big Tent Show) without an RV – and having to use local hotels – is not only terribly inconvenient, but terribly more expensive! When you have virtually the only hotel in town in Quartzsite, you can seemingly “name your own price!” I'll certainly be glad to get my Alfa back, in order to be able to attend the upcoming Alfa Annual Owners Rally, and other events in the near future! Like many other things, you don't really appreciate what you're missing until you don't have something!

Late last year we held our biannual (every 2 years) election of chapter officers for the 2023 to 2025 term. After much “pleading,” we still did not obtain a volunteer to run for Chapter President, so the ballot showed that position as vacant, while the



Editor's Message

Jeannette Harper

Okay - for those in California, I have to ask - have you had enough of Mother Nature and all the 'weather' she has brought you? Almost all the Western states have experienced much of her bounty, that's for sure!

Please make sure you check the various state highway road conditions **before** you take off! It seems almost hourly the conditions change whether due to snow or now, flooding all over California.

Are you getting tired of all my recipes I have been sharing? Please let me know if you have had enough. Otherwise, I will keep posting a new recipe in the newsletters. It would be much appreciated if YOU sent me some recipes! You can find my email address on our website.

Happy trails y'all!

other current officers volunteered to run again. The returned ballots were unanimous – the slate of officers was re-elected. Therefore, our Vice President is myself, our Secretary/Treasurer is Nancy McDowell, our National Director is Marvin Berry, and our Alternate National Director is Craig McDowell. Thanks to all who volunteered to remain as our officers! We still are in need of a Chapter President, and I certainly encourage one of our members to volunteer. If you are interested, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me! Also, Jeannette Harper continues to volunteer as our Chapter Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, for which we are very grateful!

Several of us attended the FMCA Western Area Rally at the Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio, CA in January (with me staying in a local hotel!). This is always the largest Area Rally of the 10 Areas in FMCA, and had not been held the last 2 years (due to the pandemic). As always, there were a lot of attendees (although somewhat less this year – about 700+ RVs), they still had quite a few exhibitors and MANY seminars (for which our chapter members volunteered again to help monitor). This Rally is going to be held again next year: Jan 10-14 in 2024. As we have done several times before, we are going to look at possibly having some type of Chapter activity prior to this Rally, or at least encourage our members to attend the Rally and join up prior to entering so we can get good parking spaces as volunteers. We'll have more info on that in the coming months.

Upcoming very soon is the Annual Alfa Owners Rally (Apr 17-24, 2023) put on by the Alfa Owners Club chapters, with the chapter pre-rallies starting about Apr 12. I don't know if the deadline for Rally signups will have passed by the time you read this newsletter, but if you decide at the last minute you'd like to go, please contact the Rally Masters Mark Vella and Steve May ASAP. This is an excellent time to meet with many other Alfa owners, and gain/contribute to our knowledge of Alfa RVs.

There is a list of some upcoming rallies elsewhere in this newsletter, but I wanted to highlight the FMCA International Convention that will be held in Gillette, WY Aug 23-26, 2023 at which Marvin Berry is currently planning to represent our Chapter at the Governing Board meeting during the convention. As you'll see from the list of Rallies, there are a

number of Area Rallies upcoming in 2023 too.

We held our annual Chapter business meeting in Brenda, AZ (near Quartzsite, AZ) during the South Loafers outing in Jan 2023, as many of us South Loafers members are also AlfaSee Yas members, as well as there being a number of AlfaSeeYas members staying in other locations in the Quartzsite area at that time who were also able to attend. The detailed meeting minutes will be posted on our chapter web site, but I wanted to give you a summary here. We had 31 attendees at our chapter meeting. One of the highlights was Paul Mitchell, President of the FMCA INTO Area (which our chapter falls under in FMCA), presented us with a Chapter 20 year anniversary certificate, recognizing our chapter for having been in existence for 20 years. Pictures of the certificate and him presenting it are in the newsletter and will be on our webpage. Paul also updated us on FMCA topics, including reminding us of the value of FMCAssist (which comes with our membership), as well as other advantages of being members of FMCA – particularly the great discount on tires. Nancy McDowell, our Secretary/Treasurer gave us the treasurer's report - we have a very healthy treasury, and are able to support Chapter rallies/outings and volunteer wagon masters. **Hint:** we need volunteers to put on Chapter outings/rallies – it's easy and rewarding to do! The National Director's report was given by Marvin Berry, covering the Governing Board meeting held at the FMCA International Convention last year (his report was in our last newsletter). We recognized Jeannette Harper for her continued service as our Chapter newsletter editor and webmaster – thank you Jeannette! We also reminded folks of the fuel savings cards that provide significant savings – including the TSD Logistics card, Mudflap, and Gas Buddy card. Paul Mitchell told us that the FMCA TCS card program is ending June 1, 2023.

At this time, we don't have any AlfaSee Yas Rallies planned for 2023. We very much encourage you to volunteer to be a chapter Rally Master – you get to pick the Rally dates and location! Rally Guidelines for Wagon Masters are on our [Chapter web site](#). The guide provides tips to novice as well as seasoned wagon masters in preparing, organizing, and executing a rally. There are several incentives for wagon masters and co-wagon masters when hosting a rally such as: You get to pick when and where the Rally will be; you will be reimbursed by the Chapter Treasury for your site fees for starting the night prior to the start of the rally through the last night of the rally; your basic rally registration fee will be waived; and, if this is your first rally as an AlfaSee Yas Chapter Wagon Master or Co-Wagon Master, you will receive personalized Chapter jackets.

I sure all hope you have a great rest of 2023 – and have a great time on all the RVing adventures our Alfas allow us to take!

Randy Scott

Vice President, AlfaSee Yas Chapter of FMCA

SAVE THE DATE!

2023 Alfa Owners Club Rally

[Fortuna de Oro RV Resort](#)

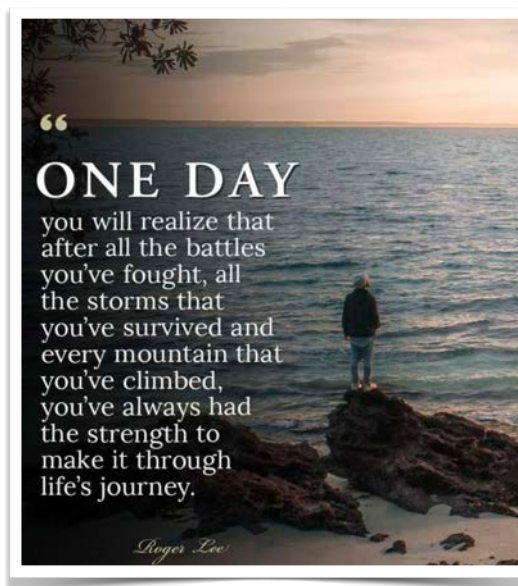
Yuma Arizona

April 17 to April 24, 2023

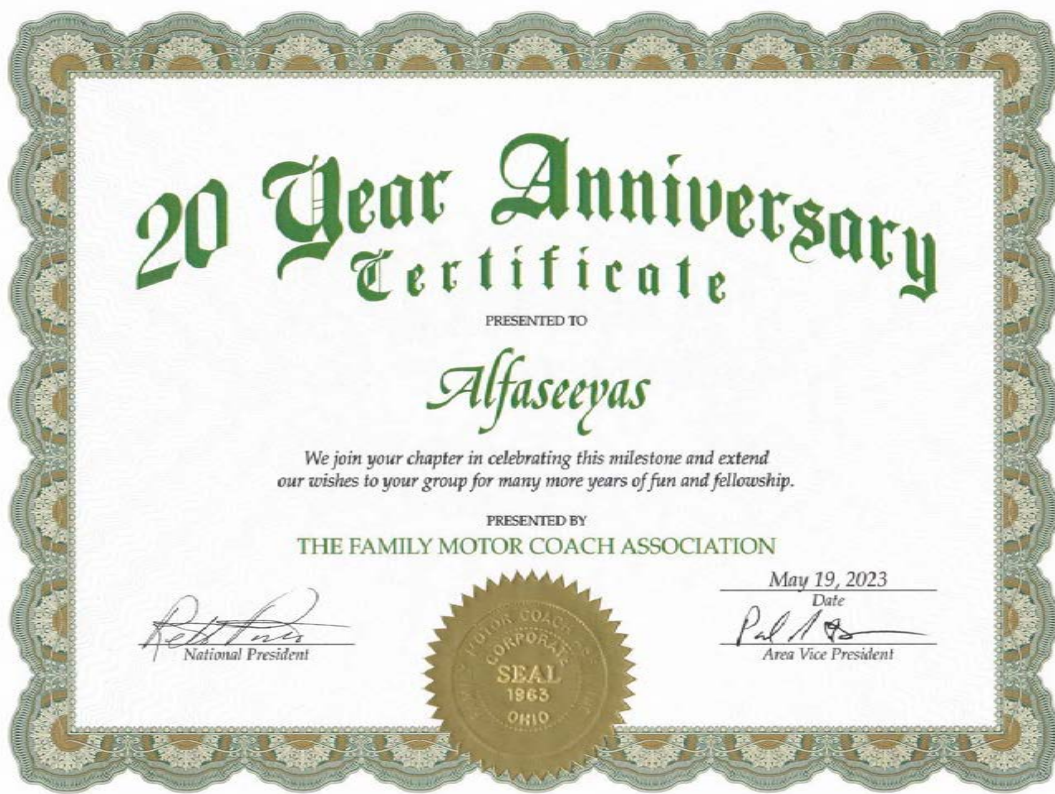
An information sheet can be [found here](#) as well as a [Q & A](#) about the event.

New Members

Mike & Teresa Atchley, #F407809, Conyers GA
Doug & Laura Benoit, #F516224, Anaheim CA
Steven & Teresa Biggs, #F518225, Windham ME
Mark & Catherine Finnesgard, #F492489, Sioux Falls, SD
Ed & Mary Neilander, #F534211, Payson AZ



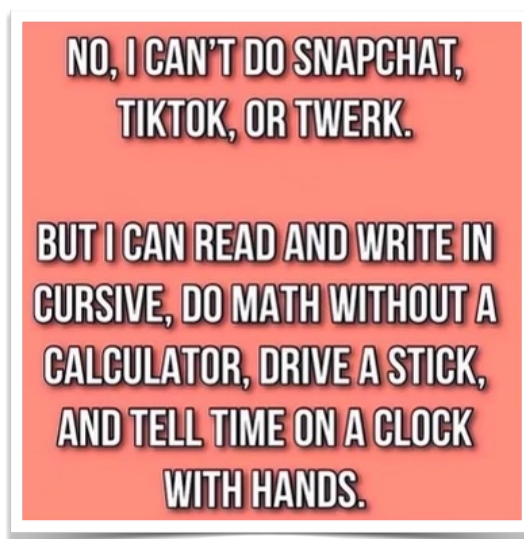
Chapter 20th Anniversary with FMCA



Upcoming rallies and conventions that might be of interest:

- **April 17-24** - Alfa Owners Club Annual Rally, Fortuna de Oro Resort, Yuma AZ; Chapter pre-rallies April 12-17 at the same park
- **June 7-11** - Great Lakes Area Rally, Greenville OH
- **June 7-11** - Northwest Area Rally, Albany OR
- **June 13-16** - Midwest Area Rally, Chippewa Falls WI
- **July 6-11** - International (INTO) Area Rally, Calgary, Alberta Canada (session 1)
- **July 12-17** - International (INTO) Area Rally, Calgary, Alberta Canada (session 2)
- **Aug 3-5** - Northeast Area Rally, Herkimer NY
- **Aug 23-26** - FMCA 107th International Convention & Expo, Gillette WY
- **Sep 13-16** - South Central Area Rally, Shawnee OK
- **Oct 4-8** - Eastern Area Rally, Lewisburg WV
- **Oct 24-28** - Rocky Mountain Area Rally, Tucson AZ
- **Jan 10-14, 2024** - Western Area Rally, Indio CA
- **Mar 20-23** - FMCA 108th International Convention & RV Expo, Tuscon AZ *

* this is a change in dates made by FMCA due to a conflict with originally planned dates



March - What is it known for??

March is the equivalent of September in the Southern Hemisphere. Every year, March and June finish on the same day of the week. March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation. The name for March comes from Mars, the Roman god of war.

March 2nd is National Banana Cream Pie Day

March 11th is National Johnny Appleseed Day

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day

March 24th is National Spinach Day (Popeye's favorite!!)

Birth Flowers – Daffodil and Jonquil

Birth Stone – Aquamarine

Zodiac Signs – Pisces and Aries

April - What is it known for??

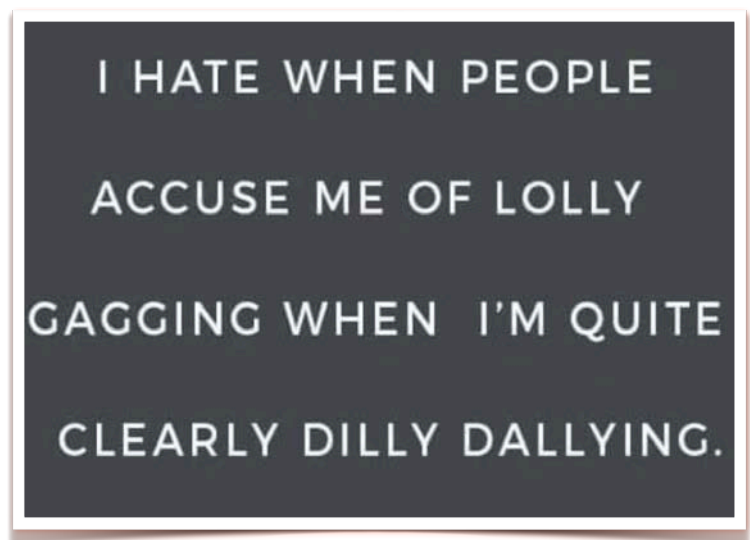
- ✦ April 1 is All Fools' Day—otherwise known as “April Fools' Day.” (Where did this silly day come from?)
- ✦ April 2 is Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent.
- ✦ April 5 is the start of Passover, which begins at sundown on this day.
- ✦ April 9th is Easter.
- ✦ April 16th is Orthodox Easter.
- ✦ April 18th is the much beloved TAX DAY!
- ✦ April 25th is National Hug a Plumber Day!
- ✦ April 30th is National Raisin Day

April is also a popular birth month!

Birth Flowers – Daisy and Sweet Pea

Birth Stone – Diamond

Zodiac Signs – Aries and Taurus



Recipe - Pumpkin Pound Cake

Jeannette Harper (thanks to the southernladycooks.com)

Ingredients:

- 3 c all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 c sugar
- 1 c brown sugar
- 1 c melted butter *
- 3 eggs
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp pumpkin spice
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp ground all spice
- 1 15oz can of pumpkin (not pumpkin mix)

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. (Spray and prepare a bundt pan)
2. Using a mixer, mix sugar (white and brown) and melted butter together.
3. Add eggs one at a time and continue mixing.
4. Add in flour, baking soda, pumpkin spice, all spice, vanilla and pumpkin. Mix well.

This will be a thick heavy batter. Pour evenly into prepared bundt pan. (Mine was about 3/4 full.)

5. Bake for 60-65 minutes or until it tests done.
6. Let sit in pan 10 minutes then remove.

* the recipe calls for unsalted butter but I always use salted as that's what's in my fridge...

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:

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 [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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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 :-)