

AlfaSeeYas

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SUBJECT: Proposed Chapter Activities – March 2017

Dear AlfaSeeYas Members

The purpose of this mailing is to let you know about some activities and events that our chapter is considering for next March. I know that *seems* to be quite a way off, but the planning needs to be done now, and to do that, we need input from *you*, our chapter members.

You may remember that in previous chapter newsletters, we mentioned that Chapter VP Randy Scott was setting up a chapter rally at the NASCAR race in Fontana, CA next March. Randy has been working the details with the race track and this event is **definitely on the schedule** for March 23-27. (Note: these dates are a week later than when we previously thought the race would be.)

In addition to the Fontana race, we became aware of several other activities planned for the Southwest during that same month:

- March 6-10: FMCA will hold its winter national convention at Chandler, AZ.
- March 11-15: If there is enough interest, we could hold an AlfaSeeYas post-rally, most likely in the Phoenix area, because – see next item.
- March 16-20: NASCAR will be at the Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, AZ.
- March 23-27: Chapter rally for the NASCAR weekend at Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, CA., as previously mentioned.

What we need from you is an expression of interest as to which of these events you would like to attend with the AlfaSeeYas. As I mentioned, the Fontana NASCAR rally is definite. We will be setting up chapter functions for the other activities if there is enough interest. I'm not sure how many of you would want to attend all of these, and you certainly don't have to - - you're welcome to pick and choose the ones that fit your interest and schedule. March is a nice time of year in the Southwest, and it might be fun to spend time at these functions with your fellow Alfa owners.

Here are some more details on the four events listed above:

- **FMCA Convention at Rawhide Western Town and Event Center, Chandler, AZ.** This will be the first time FMCA has been at this venue. They will have the usual convention activities: seminars, exhibits, vendors, display coaches, entertainment, etc. The cost for registration with 30-amp parking is \$370 if registering before January 6, 2017. If we have a group that wants to park together, we would meet somewhere nearby and caravan in on Monday, March 6th. Registration is open now on fmca.com.
- **AlfaSeeYas post-rally following the FMCA convention.** Those wanting to attend the post-rally would leave Chandler on Saturday, March 11th and move to an RV park somewhere in the Phoenix area. To minimize expenses, this would probably be a rather

informal rally, with folks on their own for meals and entertainment. Those wishing to attend the Phoenix races would then move over to the track in Avondale on March 15th or 16th.

- **Phoenix International Raceway.** We would park together in the reserved dry camping area at a cost of between \$175-\$225 for the RV space. The track does not have final prices yet for the race tickets for next year, but they estimate \$400 for two persons for tickets to Friday practice, Saturday XFINITY race, and Sunday Sprint Cup race. We may or may not add something for a group dinner. We do not yet have a registration form or deadline for registrations, but it will likely be Nov or Dec 2016.
- **Auto Club Speedway.** We will arrive at the Fontana track on Thursday, March 23rd for four nights of dry camping. The race activities will include Friday practice, Saturday and Sunday races, pit passes and a garage tour (the only NASCAR track to still do one). We plan to have a catered dinner at the RV lot and also a tour and dinner with the Leisure Coachworks folks, whose shop is just a few blocks from the race track. Total cost will be \$530 for a coach with two people; this will include RV parking, tickets for practices and the two races, pit passes, garage tour, and two dinners. Deduct \$206 if only one person in a rig; add \$206 for extra people. The registration form will be included in the SeeYas Connection newsletter to be e-mailed out in early September, plus we will post it on various forums and send to Alfa Owners groups. There will be a sign-up deadline of October 15, 2016.

Note that for all four events above, all types and brands of RVs are welcome! FMCA allows trailers to attend their rallies, and we AlfaSeeYas always welcome all types and brands of RVs at our events – so please invite and include friends too!

In order to keep this as simple as possible, I haven't mentioned some of the other functions that will be going on this winter, for example, Palm Desert Pre-Rally/Indio Western Area Rally in January. Rest assured that those activities are still on the schedule and will be mentioned in the newsletter. Also, you may note that shortly after the NASCAR race in Fontana, the Annual Alfa Owners Rally will be taking place in Tucson, AZ, with chapter pre-rallies starting as soon as April 1, so some of the above activities could work quite well into your planning.

At your earliest convenience, please e-mail me (alfaseeyas@gmail.com) if you would like to attend any (or all) of the four March functions. Let me know which ones, and whether you are definite, a probable, or a maybe – for each one. I know that plans can change, but I would appreciate your “best guess” at this time.

One final request: If you would like to help with the planning for the post-rally following the FMCA convention, or the Phoenix NASCAR weekend, please let me know that as well.

Please respond No Later Than September 5, 2016.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

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