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President's Message

~ By Randy Scott ~ rscott@antelecom.net

Hello to all our members! I would guess many of you have recently been traveling, or may be traveling now as the weather gets better, and many of you have headed for your summer long-term locations, or you may be going to see the sights in our great North America! Please be safe in all you do! We recently attended the Annual Alfa Owners Club Rally in Casa Grande, AZ - as usual it was a lot of fun, and we were able to see many of our AlfaSeeYas chapter members while there too. It was again held at the Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort - a really great venue, with really welcoming staff and many resident volunteers! We had about 120 Alfa motorhomes and 5th wheels attending, and had a great time with lots of discussions and seminars about Alfas. We were able to obtain RV repairs and modifications which were expertly accomplished by a number of service folks, and we were able to catch up with a lot of folks we hadn't seen in a while. We are fortunate in that we have had 4 couples volunteer after the rally to be Rally Masters for next year's Owners Rally - they are currently working on potential dates and locations for 2015. One of the demonstrations this year was again by "Mac The Fire Guy" using volunteer Alfa owners - showing how to escape from an Alfa motor home bedroom window. That demonstration last year convinced us to

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have an exterior handle (like the one outside our coach front door) installed outside the bedroom emergency escape window, to help in exiting the coach in case of emergency. Fortunately, Terry and I have not had the need to use it! Also this demonstration is a good reminder that you should occasionally open your emergency escape window - to make sure it will open and to lubricate the seals around it so they won't stick when you do need to open it quickly, and have a PLAN !! During the Annual Alfa Owners Rally, we again took the opportunity to hold an

AlfaSeeYas chapter meeting, since we have a number of rally attendees who are also AlfaSeeYas members - and we had quite a few. At the meeting, we reminded folks that Jean is always looking for ideas, items & articles for the newsletter, we talked about our recently held outings and about our future planned outings (more on that further on in this message), greeted new members, and had several drawings. The lucky winners were: Jean (our newsletter editor!) & Jerry Maddux - 2 insulated FMCA mugs, Marla & Ron Green - 2 insulated FMCA mugs, and Bonna & Harlan Steinle - an additional 2 years dues. Congratulations to all!

Regarding future outings: We reminded folks at our April meeting of the 2014 INTO Area Rally to be held early May in Lebanon, TN - I haven't heard back if any of our members attended it - it sounded like it was going to be fun. Don't forget, the 10 FMCA areas each hold a rally generally once per year, spread throughout the year and the country. Terry and I have attended several - in Tucson, AZ, Farmington, NM, and York, PA, (in addition to the one in Indio that many of us attend each year). They have all been well done - each usually has a number of that area's chapters collaborating to put them on. Our chapter is planning a pre-rally in McMinnville, Oregon (prior to the FMCA Rally in Redmond, Oregon) (more information and the registration forms are at the end of this newsletter). Lori & Ray Zimmerman have kindly volunteered to be Wagon Masters, and Terry & I volunteered to be co-wagon Masters. Our pre-rally will be held August 7th-11th, 2014, after which we will be caravanning to the FMCA Family Reunion Rally in Redmond on August 11th. You'll note

that this is actually earlier than the start of the FMCA Rally - which will enable us to get in and park together. Please note for our pre-rally that you will have to make reservations separately with the RV park and then send in the registration form to us. We only were allowed 15 RV spaces at the pre-rally park and with the Zimmerman's and us each taking one, that leaves 13 remaining - so please get your reservations in as soon as possible !! Also, if you are going to go on to the FMCA Rally in Redmond, you need to make reservations for it through FMCA. By the way, if you are unable to attend our pre-rally, but would like to park with us at the FMCA Rally, please contact me so we can work that out (it will still mean you will need to meet us at Redmond the afternoon of August 11th when we go in). We intend to have an informal "happy hour" around our coaches at Redmond at least one of the evenings - for all Alfa owners attending the FMCA Rally, as we may find folks willing to join our chapter also.

Looking further into the future: we will have our annual Chapter pre-rally in Palm Desert, CA, January 2nd - 6th, 2015 and caravan to the nearby FMCA Western Area Rally in Indio January 7th-11th, 2015 (at which we will again ask for volunteers to help monitor the seminars - it's fun!) Ray & Lori Zimmerman have volunteered to be Wagon Masters for our pre-rally, and we would like to have someone else volunteer to be co-wagon masters with them, **PLEASE !!!** March 26th - 29th, 2015 is the FMCA Family Reunion at Pomona, CA. (FMCA has had many requests to go back there - the last time they held a rally there, was early 2008 - also happens to

be the first time Terry & I went to an FMCA Rally, and that is where we also met and got involved with the AlfaSeeYas chapter and volunteering to help put on the Rally!). Oh, please note - for those of you who attended our chapter meeting in April - the meeting agenda mistakenly showed the Pomona FMCA Rally as being in May - my mistake - it is in MARCH !! Then, FMCA will hold their second 2015 Family Reunion on July 29th to August 1st in Madison, WI. As always, please feel free to contact me to suggest event sites for our chapter, and especially if you would like to volunteer to be a Wagon Master. We are able to provide help, it is fun and very rewarding !! We hope to see you at an upcoming event !!

Also coming up will be elections for our chapter officers. As I have mentioned previously, your current officers have all served 2 two-year terms, and we would like to have volunteers to run for office for the next term !! We will be holding the elections later this year, with the results to be ratified - and new officers to be installed - at our business meeting in January 2015. We currently have volunteers to run for Secretary, Treasurer and National Director, but still need volunteers to run for President, Vice President and Alternate National Director. Please consider volunteering to run for an office. If you have any questions, and especially if you would like to volunteer, please contact me.

~~ Randy

Editor's Note

By Jean Maddux

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Summer is almost here !!! I bet a lot of you are really looking forward to that !! I really feel bad for all of you that have had such BAD weather this last winter & spring. Especially those of you living in "Tornado Ally". We recently got home and our yard looked pretty bad with everything overgrown and trees & limbs down from a bad freeze in February.

Remember, we were going on a Fantasy Tour to The Baja in Mexico? Well we did and there were two other AlfaSeeYas members that went along. It was quite the experience !! And soooooo much fun !! Read the article about it on pages 15 thru 17.

Also we went to the Annual Alfa Owners Club Rally at Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort in Casa Grande, AZ. This is such a great and beautiful RV Resort !! The people who work there are so accommodating and several people who live at the park volunteered to help with our Rally. These Rallies are so much fun and you are busy everyday (if you want to be). The food is fabulous !! All the different chapters contribute to putting on this Rally, like seminars, classes, entertainment and Beautiful Gift Baskets filled with valuable items worth lots of \$\$\$, as prize drawings - lots of prize drawings. And vendors with stuff to impress the guys and gals, and services. There is a lot going on in one week !!

If you have never been to one of these AOC

Rallies, you owe it to yourselves to go. And take in the sites of the area. You will be glad you did. Sure hope to see some of you there next year.

"Happy Trails"

~~ Jean



The simplest way to slice a bunch of cherry tomatoes is to sandwich them between two plastic lids and run a long knife through all of them at once !!



Use a large muffin tin to cook stuffed peppers in the oven - it will help keep them upright.



Turn your muffin pan upside down, bake cookie-dough over the top and voila, you have cookie bowls for fruit or ice-cream.

KUDOS FOR ALFATEERS

By Michael & Lorraine Lynch

Alfateers provided outstanding support again this year for the 2014 Annual ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY. Jon Goldstein and his team did 120 jobs on 50 rigs during the week's event, a convenient service for these folks who were able to attend the rally events while their coaches were being serviced without having to travel all the way to California.

The traditional dinner cooked by Jon and his crew had an interesting twist this year. When we were at Alfateers last spring, Richard said they would cook Carne Asada, but when we checked with Jon, he said hamburgers and hot dogs. Even though he is no longer with us, Richard had his way and an excellent Mexican dinner was served and enjoyed by many! We were glad that Richard's wife Teri and their son, Ricky were able to join us, cooking, serving and eating the wonderful meal.

In a memorial to Richard, Jon presented a video about him and his devotion to his family, Alfateers and their customers. The room was packed with his many friends. He will be greatly missed.

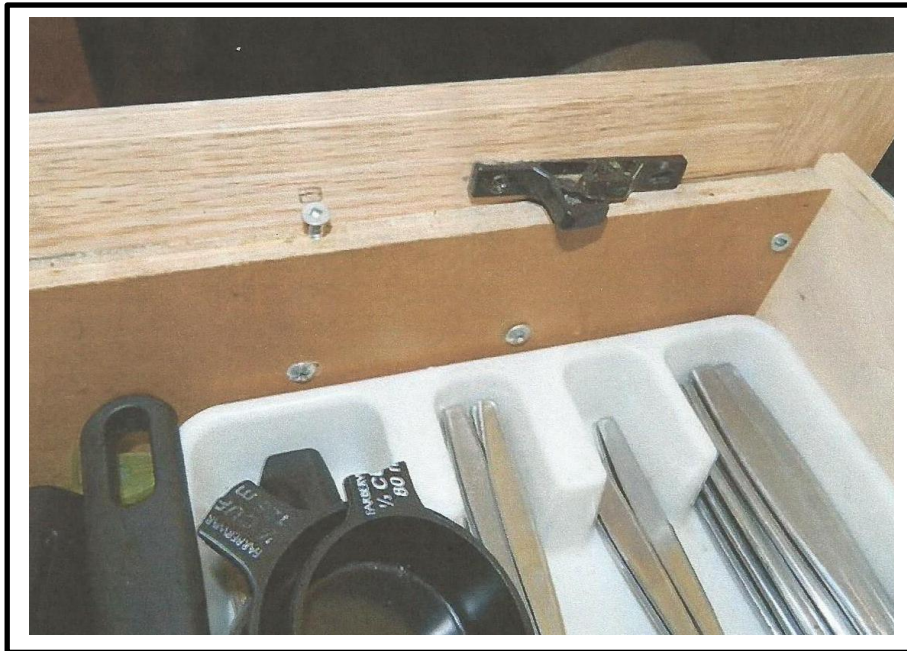
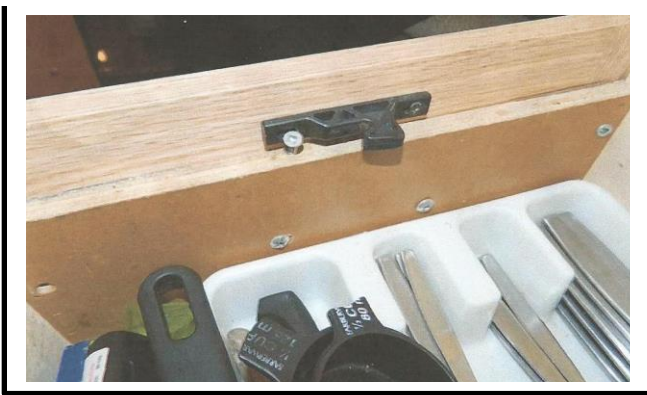
Alfateers provided \$2500 for service on our rigs as door prizes showing again their total support for our Annual Rally.

A surprise this year was the presence of Alfateers prototype conventional trailer. Built in their shop over the past year, this beautiful trailer named "Bulldog", in honor of Richard, was unveiled for the first time at the Rally. Jon hopes to manufacture it as the first step to building RV's again. We wish him luck.

Alfateers presence at our Annual Rallies is definitely a bonus for all of us !!

Helpful Hint By Maureen Mathison

Some women (and some men) do not have the strength to open the drawers in our motor homes. My husband Tom came up with this idea to help. Remove one screw on the latch, leaving the latch to turn back and forth on the other screw. This is the way we leave it when we are sitting still. And when we are ready to get on the road, we put it back and it keeps the drawer locked like it did originally. See pictures below.



Any astronomer can predict with absolute accuracy just where every star
in the heavens will be at half-past eleven tonight.
He can make no such prediction about his young daughter.

~~ James Adams



A warm welcome to our newest AlfaSeeYas members. To paraphrase, Sonny Gillespie, Past-President of our FMCA association, the International Area Organization (aka INTO):
"The most important member of the AlfaSeeYas is the newest member" Thanks so much for joining us!

Donald Brittin & Carolyn Russell
 Joe & Donna Cockrell
 Alex & Helen LaVoie
 Donald & Barbara Lund

Bernardo & Rose Cisneros
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 John & Barbara Lund
 Wayne & Cheryl Ruth

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Ewing RV Repair, Summerdale, AL (251) 508-3102 email ewingrvrepair@gmail.com

Bretz RV, Missoula, MT (406) 541-4800 website www.bretzrv.com

Gene Kelley's Mobile RV Repair (RVSA Certified Master Technician) Tucson, AZ
(520) 906-9676

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

Yahoo Message Boards - these are Internet forums where Alfa owners ask question 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).

AlfaSeeYas: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/alfaseeya/>

SeeYa DP: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SeeYaDP/>

SeeYa Travels: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SeeYaTravels/>

Chapters of Alfa Owners:

[Roadrunners](#) - Non-Regional (Full Time/Half Time/Part Time)

[South Loafers](#) - Southern California, Arizona, & Nevada

[Mavericks](#) - Central California

[Sun Seekers](#) - North of Eugene, Oregon & Washington

[Sun Risers](#) - Eastern United States

[Lonestars](#) - Texas

[Alfa One](#) - Southern California

Rallies ~~ the most FUN you can have in your Alfa ~~~~

If you would like to suggest a local rally, please contact our President, Randy Scott. A group of AlfaSeeYas can get together very easily for a few days during the week, or over a weekend. **NEED HELP PLANNING A RALLY?** We have several documents to help those interested in planning a pre, post or other rally for our members. You can contact Randy and ask for any or all of the documents. They include: Rules of Thumb for Estimating Costs and Planning a Pre or Post Rally in Brief.

Upcoming FMCA Rallies

June 11th to 15th, 2014 - Great Lakes Area Rally
Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana

July 17th to 21st, 2014 - Northeast Area Rally
Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction, Vermont

August 13th to 16th, 2014 FMCA's 90th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase
Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, Redmond, Oregon

August 27th to 30th, 2014 Midwest Area Rally,
Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, Nebraska

September 24th to 28th, 2014 Eastern Area Rally
Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, Asheville, North Carolina

October 1st to 5th, 2014 South Central Area Rally
State Fair of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana

January 7th to 11th, 2015 Western Area Rally
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Indio, California

RALLY CALENDAR ~~ UPCOMING ALFA CHAPTER RALLIES**SUN SEEKERS CHAPTER OUTINGS**

Contact Mel Kirkland at mel_kirkland@msn.com OR call (360) 666-1621 (360)-991-7436 for information and a registration packet on all outings.

JULY

Dates: July 17th - 21st, 2014

Location: 7 Feathers RV Park, Canyonville, OR

Wagon Masters: Duane & Karyn Chebul and Larry & Shirley Shilley

SEPTEMBER Date & Location Change

Dates: September 5th - 10th, 2014

Location: Silver Cove RV Resort, Silver Lake, WA (East of I-5 & Castle Rock, WA)

Wagon Masters: Randy & Cheryl Fabian, Bruce & Barbara Inselman and
Warren & Betty Withers

NOVEMBER

Too be announced soon. !!

SOUTH LOAFERS CHAPTER OUTINGS**JULY**

Dates: July 16th - 21st, 2014

Location: Railside RV Ranch, 877 E. Rodeo Rd., Williams, AZ 86046

Wagon Masters: Ray & Lori Zimmerman and Ron & Linda Pearson

OCTOBER

Dates: October 28th - November 2nd, 2014

Location: Far Horizons 49ers Village Resort, 18265 State Highway 49, Plymouth,
California 85358

Wagon Masters: David & Judy Sabol and Jim & Vonnie Beard

JANUARY

Dates: January 20th - 25th, 2015

Location: Black Rock RV Village, 46751 E. Hwy 60, Salome, AZ 85358

Wagon Masters: Don & Jan Wallace and Frank & Jane Davies

ROADRUNNERS CHAPTER OUTINGSEPTEMBER

DATES: September 23, 2014

LOCATION: Garden of the Gods Campground, Colorado Springs, Colorado

WAGON MASTERS: Jim & Becky Godfrey

GO NUTS - LIVE LONGER?

From Health Net

Are nuts your snack of choice? Good news. A large new study found eating nuts regularly - in moderation of course - may cut heart risk and help you live longer.

Researchers followed 120,000 people for 30 years. Their findings, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*: The biggest nut eaters among them - those who ate an ounce or handful daily - were more likely to live longer.

"The most obvious benefit was a reduction of 29 percent in deaths from heart disease. But we also saw a significant reduction - 11 percent - in the risk of dying from cancer" during the study, said lead researcher Charles Fuchs of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

What makes tiny nuts so mighty?

They're rich in heart-healthy fiber, omega-3 fatty acids, protein and disease-fighting antioxidants, the study says. Plus, researchers found people who eat them are more likely than non-nut eaters to have healthy lifestyles - not smoke, exercise regularly and maintain a normal weight.

So go nuts! But don't go crazy. The key is *moderation*. This study is about *eating a handful not a bowl full* of nuts a day. Nuts may be healthy, but they still contain a lot of calories. So take it easy. Your best bet: unsalted nuts. Skip salted, honey-roasted and chocolate-covered varieties!

Some idea of inflation comes from seeing a youngster getting his first job at a salary you dreamed of as the culmination of your career.

~~ Bill Vaughan

ALFA MOTORHOMES FOR SALE**FOR SALE****NOW \$113,000.****2006 Alfa See Ya 40' 12,000 miles**

BRAND NEW FULL BODY PAINT done by Charlie's in Sunset, Utah. Diesel Cat 350 engine, washer/dryer combo, 4 TV's, CB radio, three slides (all with new seals), new awnings over slides, new four door Norcold fridge, 2 new windshields, on board watering system, day/night shades, queen bed, & new roof. Extended warranty. Motor Home is located at Charlie's in Sunset, Utah. May deal on our 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland prepared to tow. Must sell due to illness.

Gerald Toolson 307-690-3618 (cell) 702-346-0231 (home)
175 Mesa Verde Trail
Mesquite, NV 89027

STILL FOR SALE**2004 Alfa Seeya 40' \$60,000 OR Best Offer**

As we have settled down after 10 wonderful years on the road in our Alfa, we regretfully are selling 'Big Al'. If you know of someone looking for a motorhome ready to go, please contact us. Located in Sun City Center, Florida

Nelson and Joann Towle Seeya #72144

Email: Ntowle1@aol.com OR Call 941-356-5081

Identity

Once while I was driving in Palm Springs, CA, I picked up a hitchhiking sailor. He got in the car, took a look at me and said "Hey! Do you know who you are?"

That's a very good question. A question we all have to ask ourselves.

~~ Kirk Douglass

ALFA TECH-1

By ED Burrows

The following information is based on articles from RV publications and personal experience. They are not meant to substitute for your good judgment, experience and safety.

- Five companies make tires for motor homes. Other tire companies make tires designed for truck use. Truck tires are not meant to be run for seven years. Following are the RV tire manufacturers and the number of models of tires, that they manufacturer. The specific tire for your use will depend on the size of your tire which will dictate the appropriate model. Also, you want to avoid tires manufactured in China. You can find out who made the tire and where it was made by reading the first two digits on the DOT date and looking up the information at one of two sites: www.harriger.com/tires.htm or www.nhtsa.gov/rules/manufacture/index.htm. Be sure to request current DOT dates and require that the DOT date be mounted on the outside of the tire:
 - Continental makes two tires
 - Goodyear makes one tire
 - Michelin makes four tires
 - Sumitomo makes three tires
 - Yokohama makes one tire

The FMCA Michelin Advantage program has been enhanced to include cars & trucks

Michelin is recalling over a million tires. They are Michelin LTX tires, size LT 225/75R1, DOT dates 0210 to 2512.

- For new members of Costco or the Good Sam club, if you signup through FMCA you can receive promotional products from Costco and a \$25 gift card from Sam's club.
- If you served in the military you can receive a \$15 discount on your Verizon cell bill. AT&T cell does the same (calls it a Fan discount). Just show them your DD214 form.
Office Depot also has FMCA discounts. Go to www.FMCA.com for information on these and other discounts.

- K&N makes air filters for cars and RV's. The new filters do not require oiling. Just wash and dry.
- If you have a blind spot on the left or right of your car or RV, use a small stick on mirror that can easily correct your vision.
- If you have problems with your back up camera or monitor, I recommend RV Cams, Inc. (877) 378-2267. www.Tim@RVCams.com.
- If you need to remove a fuse before you tow, Roadmaster makes four Fuse Master units that allow you to switch the fuse off. (800) 669-9690 www.roadmasterink.com
- If you have a Norcold refrigerator and have added the heat switch that turns off the refrigerator at high temp, you can reset the switch with a magnet to the top right corner of the switch. BUT be sure the switch turning off is not because of a fire condition.

DRIVE SAFELY

Kingdome Repairs by Diane Lewis

We had Frank Rassada's Shop in Palm Desert, CA fix our "spaghetti wiring" in the entertainment center. He also put on a new King Dome. We can now use the satellite, the aux in the bedroom, basement, the kitchen TV and the DVD player. Well worth the price which was not bad. All that for \$1400. He has an amazing wiring man. So if you need this type of help, he is the man to see. He originally worked for King Dome. He came recommended to us by Alfateers. Shop phone # 760-401-4000 Home phone # 503-709-7000

The King of Hearts is the only king



WITHOUT A MOUSTACHE

ADVENTURES IN BAJA

By Patty Rowe

In early March, six AlfaSeeYas members took the trip of a lifetime....a 13-day caravan with Fantasy Tours down the Baja peninsula, for face-to-face encounters with grey whales in their natural "nursery" in the warm waters near Guerrero Negro.

The Mexican people were warm and welcoming, and we always felt perfectly safe. But I am sure no one will ever forget the challenges of Mexico's Highway 1. *Much* narrower than our roads, with little or no shoulder, we learned what really capable drivers we are as semi-trucks whizzed past so close our mirrors almost touched. The average speed for the trip was just 30 miles per hour, but the scenery was so amazing that I didn't want to hurry.

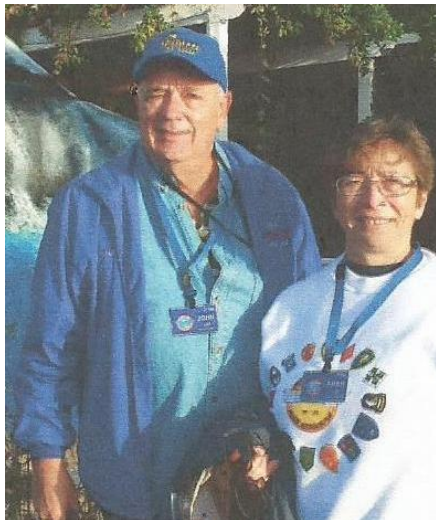


Our 15 rigs stayed in RV parks that were adequate and safe, each with an adjacent restaurant serving delicious food and "plentiful margaritas".





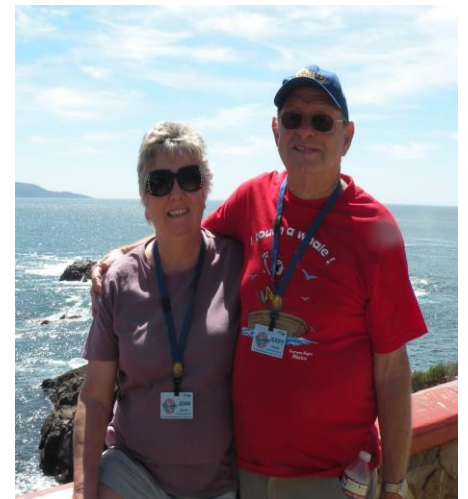
The Fantasy staff cooked for us several times - who will forget the "walking tacos" on a stormy night at 4000 feet, or the beach party on the shore of the Sea of Cortez, featuring scrumptious clams, (dug mostly by Jean Maddux) during an eco-tour of the waters and islands in the Bay of Los Angeles.



John & Fran Kurz



Patty & Don Rowe



Jean & Jerry Maddux

AlfaSeeYas Members on Baja Trip

And the Whales? Oh, they did not disappoint. I can think of no more exhilarating sensation than leaning over the side of a small panga boat to touch a mother whale as large as a school bus, or to pet a baby newly born.



It's impossible to understand why they trust us as they do....is it curiosity, or playfulness, or something else? Whatever their reasons, it seems like a miracle that such different species can interact in the wild. I am so enchanted by it all that you might think I would do it again. Well, I've already done it twice. Don and I went in 2013, and returned this year with our Alfa friends, Jean & Jerry Maddux and Fran & John Kurz. So it is probably the last time for us. But it may deserve a place on *your* bucket list.





AlfaSeeYas Pre-Rally

August 7 to 11, 2014 at the Olde Stone Village RV Park

Prior to FMCA 90th Family Reunion in Redmond

Come to McMinnville, Oregon - located in the heart of Willamette Valley's wine country, midway between the coast and Portland, and 30 miles from the capital city of Salem, Oregon. "With green rolling hills as the backdrop, this historic city has kept its turn-of-the century charm while providing full services for 33,000 residents." Visit old friends, make new ones, and check out the sights - especially all the local wineries! We will have a catered meal the first evening of the pre-Rally, have an optional winery and aviation museum tours, social hours and other activities. In addition to the Pre-Rally, we will convoy as a group to the FMCA 90th Family Reunion at Redmond, Oregon, and park together to continue socializing with our friends. Your wagon masters are Lori and Ray Zimmermann (email: rayzman89@gmail.com) and Co-wagon masters are Terry & Randy Scott

(email rscott@antelecom.net).
Please Note: you need to **make reservations separately at the Olde Stone Village RV Park.**

DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN UP SEPERATELY FOR THE FMCA 90th FAMILY REUNION!

Pre-Rally Includes

4 nights with full hookups at the Olde Stone Village RV Park in McMinnville, OR

Continental breakfast
4 mornings

Catered dinner

Optional winery tour with picnic lunch

Optional Aviation Museum tour and lunch

Pre-Rally Agenda (subject to change)

Thursday, Aug 7, 2014 – Arrival Day

1 pm	Check-in
5 pm	Social Hour
6 pm	Catered Dinner

Friday, Aug 8, 2014

8 - 10 am	Chapter hosted coffee, juice and rolls
10 am	Optional tour & lunch at Evergreen Aviation Museum
6 pm	Social Hour
7 pm	Dinner on your own

Saturday, Aug 9, 2014

8- 10 am	Chapter hosted coffee, juice and rolls
am-pm	Day on your own
5 pm	Social Hour
6 pm	Optional caravan to dinner at local restaurant

Sunday, Aug 10, 2014

8 – 10 am	Chapter hosted coffee, juice and rolls
Noon	Optional winery tour and picnic
evening	Make sure you dump your waste tanks and fill your fresh water tank!

Monday, Aug 11, 2014 Departure Day for FMCA Rally

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Chapter hosted coffee juice, and rolls, pick up optional box lunch
8:30 am	Line up to caravan to FMCA Rally at Redmond
9 am	<u>Depart</u> for Redmond

Alfa SeeYas Chapter Pre-Rally, McMinnville, Oregon

August 7 - 11, 2014

REGISTRATION FORM

Wagon Masters Ray and Lori Zimmermann
Co-Wagon Masters Randy and Terry Scott

NAME(S) As you want them to appear on your badges _____

Names of additional people attending with you _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Home/Alt Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ FMCA # F _____ or guest of _____

Campground Site Reservations: All Attendees must make reservations directly with the Olde Stone Village RV Park. The park site rental is \$35 per night (includes full hook-ups with 50 amp electric) for 2 persons plus \$.50 per pet per night. There is a 10% discount for Good Sam members. There is no advance deposit required, however, they do require a credit card to hold your reservation. It will not be charged until check-in or if not cancelled 48 hours before arrival.

The information you need: Olde Stone Village RV Park
4155 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR 97128
Phone: (503) 472-4315 or Toll Free (877)472-4315
Group: AlfaSeeYas Group Confirmation Number: R102A19718
Dates: August 7 - 11, 2014 (4 nights)

NOTE: Total spaces at the Pre-Rally RV Park are limited to a total of 15 sites which is the Park's limit on group size. Reservation Deadline is July 1, 2014, so we recommend that you reserve as soon as possible.

PRE-RALLY FEES:

One Rig/2 people: (\$60.00 Rally Fee includes a catered dinner, daily continental breakfasts) = \$ 60.00
Additional person(s): (\$30.00 per person Rally Fee includes above meal and breakfasts x _____ = \$ _____

Optional:

Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Group Tour (includes box lunch) \$30.00 pp x _____ = \$ _____

Please select your Box lunch choice and indicate how many:

Ham _____ Turkey _____ Vegetarian _____

Vista Hills Vineyard and Winery Tour (Wine Tasting, Picnic Lunch) \$25.00 pp x _____ = \$ _____

Please select your Picnic lunch choice and indicate how many: (each includes chips and a cookie)

_____ Italian Salami served with provolone cheese, baby arugula, whole grain, mustard, olive oil, salt and pepper

_____ Roasted Natural Turkey, Gina Marie cream cheese, sliced apple and baby arugula

_____ Roast Beef, bleu cheese and caramelized onions

Box Lunch for Day of Departure to Redmond \$12.00 pp x _____ = \$ _____

Please select your Box lunch choice and indicate how many:

Ham _____ Turkey _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make your check payable to AlfaSeeYas for the total amount above and send with this form to:

Ray Zimmermann
(AlfaSeeYas McMinnville Pre-Rally)
1952 E. Divot Drive
Tempe AZ 85283

Remember to make your reservations first at the park as soon as possible because they are limited, then send this form and payment to the Wagon Master. Reservations are only taken by the park and completion of this form and payment is only for the planned activities - not your site reservation. **Your Registration payment should be received by the Wagon Master no later than July 1, 2014.**

We have made our site reservation at **Olde Stone Village RV Park** _____ (date) _____ (initial)

I/we are first timers: ___ Yes ___ No.

I/we are guests of: _____

I/we have a: ___ Motor Home ___ 5th Wheel/Travel Trailer. The length of our rig is ___ feet.

Cancellation Policy: There is a \$10.00 cancellation charge for the pre-rally. Additionally, if the Chapter has incurred non-refundable costs, these fees will be deducted from your refund unless there is a waiting list and your space can be filled.

RV Park Information: If you want to arrive early or stay after the pre-rally, you must arrange for additional days directly with the **Olde Stone Village RV Park.**

I/We agree that we shall not hold FMCA, the AlfaSeeYas Chapter, officers, employees or agents responsible for any damage or injury of any kind that our guests or we may suffer during the pre-rally or rally. This agreement applies regardless of the damage or injury.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Questions? E-mail: Ray at: rayzman89@gmail.com, or phone: 360-789-6628

FMCA Redmond Rally

I/we will attend the FMCA 90th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase in Redmond, Oregon after the Chapter Pre-Rally and will park with the AlfaSeeYas Chapter: ___ Yes ___ No. If **YES, You must register separately for the FMCA 90th Family Reunion** either on the FMCA web site or by mailing in a hardcopy registration form. **You will need to sign up for the "Registration Fee" and the "Additional Fee for 30-amp Electric Only" option.** Also, please indicate on the registration form that you will be arriving as a part of the AlfaSeeYas group. For those that are caravanning with us to the FMCA Rally, we will go in as a group on August 11th, to insure we can park together. Also, electric will not be available until 9 am on Tues Aug 12. Note that the FMCA early bird deadline for signing up is 6/23/14 - after which the costs go up.

General Information for the Pre-Rally

Wagon Masters: Lori and Ray Zimmermann (cell 360-789-6628, rayzman89@gmail.com)

Co-Wagon Masters: Terry and Randy Scott (home 661-256-3507, cell 661-839-4526, rscott@antelecom.net).

Location: Olde Stone Village RV Park, 4155 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR. Park is big-rig friendly and provides paved sites, full hookups with 50 amp, heated pool, free cable and wi-fi. Rated 10/10/10 in Good Sam directory.

You must make your site reservation directly with the **Olde Stone Village RV Park** via phone. (This RV park requires that we do it this way.) You will pay your site fee directly to the park. You need to provide a credit card to hold the reservation but you will not be charged until check-in or failure to cancel 48 hours in advance. Identify yourself with the following information:

Park Phone: 503-472-4315 Toll Free 877-472-4315

Group: ALFASEEYAS

Confirmation Number: R102A019718

Dates: August 7-11, 2014

Rate: \$ 35.00 per night or \$ 31.50 for Good Sam members

Pet Fee: \$0.50 per day per pet

Once you do this, you must register for the pre-rally by mailing the provided registration form to the Wagon Masters. Your registration form and fees must be received by the Wagon Masters **No Later Than July 1, 2014**. Since the RV park has only allowed us 15 RV spaces for our pre-rally (and your wagon masters and co-wagon masters are taking 1 each) - that means there are only 13 RV spaces allowed for our pre-rally - so please make your reservations as soon as possible!

Pre-rally attendees who are going on to the FMCA 90th Family Reunion in Redmond, **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. If you want to park with the AlfaSeeYas Chapter, you must register for the FMCA 90th Family Reunion separately on-line or by snail mail, AND you will need to sign up for the "Registration Fee" and the "Additional Fee for 30-amp Electric Only" option, AND specify that you will be arriving with a scheduled caravan (the AlfaSeeYas). If you do not select and pay for the 30-amp Electric option, you will be parked in the generator area and not with the Chapter.
2. You should arrive at the Pre-rally RV park with enough propane to cook, shower, and heat water and your rig during the FMCA Rally. [Note: propane is not available at the Olde Stone Village RV Park, but there is an RV dealer, RV Warehouse, outside and just west of the entrance to the park where you can get propane Monday-Saturday, 9-5. We suggest filling up when you arrive in McMinnville.] For the FMCA Rally in Redmond, we will probably not have electric power the day we arrive (Aug 11), as it is scheduled to be available starting 9 am on Aug 12 (and be available until 9 am Aug 17). Once we have electric at the FMCA Rally, it will be 30 amp service, so you will need to maximize the use of your propane water heater, stove/oven and furnace, and minimize simultaneous use of electrical devices such as your stove/oven and furnace, and minimize simultaneous use of electrical devices such as your microwave/convection oven, hair dryers, air conditioner, etc. Remember, if you lose power from overloading the circuit, so may a bunch of other folks who will not be "happy campers."
3. You should dump your grey and black holding tanks and fill your fresh water tank while you are at the pre-rally RV park, preferably on Sunday evening before we depart on Monday for the FMCA Rally in Redmond.

4. We will be departing the morning of Monday Aug 11 to caravan to the FMCA Rally in Redmond. Redmond is approximately 150 miles away from the pre-rally site. We will plan to depart at 9 am, with our intent to arrive at the holding site in Redmond in order for us to go in to the Rally at 2 pm. Naturally, it could be difficult for all our rigs to stay together for that great a distance. We will provide directions to all who are going with us, and allow plenty of time for everyone to gather up at the FMCA Rally holding site in Redmond. We will also assign one rig to be the leader, and one to be the "tailgater" to assist if anyone is having problems keeping up.

Detailed Pre-Rally Schedule

(Note: please check the white board at the wagon master's site for the most up-to-date schedule and any changes.)

Thursday, August 7

Arrival Day. Please note that the RV park check-in time is 1 PM. We will greet you as you enter the park and give you a welcome packet containing pre-rally and local area information. After you get set up, please take a few minutes and review the materials in the packet.

Social Hour and Dinner. We will meet in the Clubhouse at 5 PM for a social hour (BYOB), and then have a catered dinner at 6 pm. Dinner will be catered BBQ - with brisket, chicken and pulled pork, with sides of baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw. Plates, utensils and napkins, plus iced tea and lemonade will also be provided. After dinner, we will discuss the optional caravanning to dinner on Saturday night and take a poll of who would like to go, and we will discuss caravanning to the FMCA Rally in Redmond.

Friday, August 8

Continental Breakfast. The Chapter will provide coffee, juice and rolls available between 8 and 10 am, located at the wagon master's site.

Optional Aviation Museum Tour. At 10:00 am we will meet at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, located right next the RV park, for our own guided tour. The museum is about a 10 minute walk, or 5 minute drive, from the Olde Stone Village RV park. The museum is home to Howard Hughes' famous Spruce Goose as well as many other historic air- and spacecraft. The tour will be followed by a box lunch on the museum mezzanine (please ensure you made your lunch selections on the registration form). This is a package deal for \$30 per person, which is only \$5 more than the normal price of admission to the museum! After lunch you can explore the museum on your own if so inclined, or take in an IMAX movie at extra cost.

Social Hour. We will meet at 6 PM for a social hour (BYOB), location to be announced. Dinner will be on your own. If you prefer to go out, a list of local restaurants will be provided in your welcome packet.

Saturday, August 9

Continental Breakfast. The Chapter will provide coffee, juice and rolls available between 8 and 10 am, located at the wagon master's site.

The rest of the morning and afternoon is for time to spend however you would like. In your welcome packet we will also provide some suggested activities/locations. You will be in the heart of the Willamette Valley wine country, with hundreds of wineries within easy driving distance. Downtown McMinnville is the site of many quaint shops and boutiques and numerous restored historic buildings. (If you arrive in time on Thursday, the weekly downtown farmers' market is worth a

visit.) McMinnville is also recognized as one of the "foodiest" small towns in the nation, boasting a diverse group of fine restaurants. For those who feel lucky, the Spirit Mountain Casino is 30 minutes from the park. Note that the Oregon coast is not too far away, and so is Portland and the Oregon capital city of Salem.

Social Hour. We will meet at 6 PM for a social hour (BYOB), location to be announced

Optional caravan to local Restaurant. On Thursday night we will take a poll to see who would like to caravan (via car pool) to a local restaurant, make reservations, and post the departure time on the chapter white board at the wagon masters site. Otherwise, you are free to have dinner wherever you would like (a list of local restaurants will be provided in your welcome packet).

Sunday, August 10

Continental Breakfast. The Chapter will provide coffee, juice and rolls available between 8 and 10 am, located at the wagon master's site.

Optional Winery Tour and Dinner. At 11:30 am we will depart with those of you who signed up for this optional tour - car pooling amongst us - for the beautiful Vista Hills winery in the nearby Dundee Hills (15 minutes from the RV park), where we will have a tasting of their wines, followed by a picnic at the winery (please ensure you made your picnic lunch selections on the registration form). Cost is \$25. We should be back at the RV park by about mid-afternoon.

Everyone will need to ensure they have dumped their waste tanks, and filled their fresh water tank, some time on Sunday!

Monday, August 11

Departure Day.

Continental Breakfast. The Chapter will provide coffee, juice and rolls available between 7:30 and 8:30 am, located at the wagon master's site. Also, if you have ordered the optional box lunch for the day of departure (please ensure you made your lunch selections on the registration form), you can pick it up at this time.

We will depart the RV Park and convoy to the Redmond, Oregon complex for the **FMCA 90th Family Reunion**. We will begin lining up at the designated location starting at 8:30 am. We will depart for Redmond at 9 am. We plan to arrive at the FMCA staging area in Redmond (about 150 miles away) no later than 2 pm, where we will also meet up with anyone else wanting to park with us. We will be designating a lead RV and a tail-gunner RV, and we should have a leisurely drive to get there in time.

Perspective

A child enters your home and makes so much noise for 20 years you can hardly stand it - then departs, leaving the house so silent you think you will go mad.

~~ J.A. Homes

General Information for the FMCA Rally

[Note: there is a lot of information available on the FMCA.org web site, under Conventions, Redmond 2014. Check especially the FAQs.]

Electricity will be available at the FMCA Rally starting at 9 am on Tues Aug 12, and will end at 9 am Sun Aug 17. An extension electric cord may be necessary if your motorhome cord does not reach the provided 30-amp receptacle (sometimes the receptacle may be located at the front of each parking space). FMCA also encourages members to have surge protectors on power cords leading to the electrical panel. Since we will be arriving the afternoon of Mon Aug 11, we will be able to use our generators that afternoon and evening, until the power is turned on Tues morning.

All parking will be at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, where most RVs will be parked on crushed lava rock.

FMCA will have available an outside dump station, plus a roving pump out service that may be purchased at the Rally. Fresh water will be available at the Rally site, plus it may be purchased at the Rally for delivery to your RV.

The weather in Redmond at this time of year is mostly sunny days, with an average high temperature in August of 85 degrees.

Information on Redmond will be provided at the Rally, and can also be accessed at www.VisitRedmondOregon.com.

All Rally attendees must depart by 10 am Sun Aug 17. If you want to stay longer, information will be available at the Rally on how to do so.