



Roadrunner News

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Travel Thought for Today: "I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list" –
Susan Sontag

Reminder—The Colorado Fall Rally

We are hoping that each of you have received the SAVE-the-DATE for the Alfa Expedition in Fort Collins, Colorado...and we are assuming that each one of you have a calendar in your RV with big circles around the dates of September 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21st!

The Alfa get-together will take place at the Fort Collins Lakeside KOA. The address of the KOA is: 1910 Lakeside Resort Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80524

Email: fclakesidekoa@gmail.com

Phone: [970-484-9880](tel:970-484-9880)

Lakeside KOA Camping Fee: \$45.00 [\$180.00/4 nights] per pull thru site (You are welcome to stay up to two additional days either prior to the rally or following the rally at the same great rate of \$45.00/night.) **Rally Fee:** \$40.00 (two travelers/per coach). Please preregister with the rally hosts by either email or phone – rally fee must be paid prior to the September 2 reservation deadline.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: September 2, 2013. Please make reservations with the campground hosts – you will pay your camping fees upon arrival to the KOA.

RALLY HOSTS:

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South Loafer's Invitation to Rallies

President Joe received the following invitation, from the South Loafers Alfa Club to our Roadrunners Club:

I thought I would send you the two South Loafers outings that are scheduled for the rest of this year. Of course, anyone who owns or has owned an Alfa is more than welcome to attend our outings.

August 19-23, 2013

Belknap Resort and Hot Springs

59296 Belknap Springs Rd.

McKenzie Bridge, OR 97296

Co-Wagon Masters: Jerry and Jean Maddux: jeansalfanews@gmail.com

Dale and Diana Manners: ddmanners@hotmail.com

October 18-22, 2013

Cal Expo RV Park

1600 Exposition Blvd.

Sacramento, CA 95815

Co-Wagon Masters: Bill and Joan Weaver: billjoanw@juno.com

David and Judy Sabol: darlamae11@aol.com

Judy Sabol

President of South Loafers

Time to Show off Your Hidden Talents at the AOC Rally:

Alfa Owners,

We are looking for a few good men (and women, too, of course,) who would like to participate in a variety (talent) show at the AOC Rally in 2014. Can you: sing, dance, yodel, play an instrument, tell jokes, are you a ventriloquist, a magician or an acrobat? You can work alone, with a partner or a group (large or small); it doesn't matter as long as you have fun.

If you're interested, you may contact Judy Sabol, President of the South Loafers, at: darlamae11@aol.com or call: [909-730-5114](tel:909-730-5114) (cell) or [909-595-6864](tel:909-595-6864) (home).

President's Corner

In this newsletter, there is a lot of activity scheduled.

The Fall Rally at Fort Collins, Colorado is scheduled for September 17-21. The hosts are Charlie and Donna Musgrave, and co-hosts Jim and Becky Godfrey.

The Quartzsite Rally will be Saturday, January 18-26, 2014, and the hosts are Doug and Wendy Ferguson.

The Roadrunners Pre-Rally will be at Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort April 3-6, 2014, Joe Hughes and Val Nelsen as hosts, with Jim and Celine Carroll as co-hosts.

Camp Freightliner will be at Palm Creek March 31-April 1, April 2-3, and April 4-5.

Alfa Owners Club Rally is April 7-13, also at Palm Creek.

We are e-mailing the newsletter so that the information is timely. It will also be posted on the website, AlfaRoadrunners.net.

Now that the dates have been set, details have to be worked out. As you will notice, Camp Freightliner will be going on during our Roadrunners Pre-Rally. That may affect some of our pre-rally activities, but it certainly is a worthwhile undertaking.

Val and I would welcome suggestions for our pre-rally activities-what did you wish we had done in 2013? We are open to any and all suggestions.

In more somber news, we were very sad to hear of the passing of Fred Watkins, a long time member of the Alfa Roadrunners. We extend condolences to his wife Margaret.

Hope you all have had a wonderful summer with lots of opportunity to visit all this country has to offer.

Regards,
Joe Hughes
President

Vice-President and Secretary Report

We bought our 2003 Alfa in 2006 with a few blisters. We were not fully aware how serious the problem was, or how widespread it would become. Fast forward, over the next six years we developed many more blisters. Dale attempted to repair them and it did allow us to get through until this year, although we have looked like we were sporting a bad case of the measles.

We decided that a paint job would be required as our decals had badly deteriorated and once removed, the shadows of them remained behind. The tough decision about patch and repair or reskin had to be made. Our concern was that with a

partial reskin/patch job, we would then risk the development of new blisters down the road, so we decided that a total reskin was the better choice. Of course, this was doubling the cost and down time.

The next tough choice was about where to have the work completed. We did a lot of research, visited paint shops in Algodones, Mexico and Yuma. Dale was in contact with a number of folks who have painted their rigs, communicated with several paint shops, honed in on Bremen, Indiana shops due to their reputation, and pricing. We considered one vendor to skin and another to paint, but ultimately decided it would be best for us to have all of the work done by one company who would be fully responsible for all aspects of the work and warranties.

We received advice from owners who had previously had their rigs painted to begin to think about the design choices prior to turning in our rig and although we did that and it was a great idea, we totally changed from one design to another at the last minute. However, if we had not started that process a month or two prior to taking our rig to the shop, we would have been making too many snap decisions at the last minute or delayed our decisions and been “out of our home” for a longer time.

The full reskin and paint job for a four-color paint job was scheduled for eight weeks (maybe less). Okay – eight weeks out of our home – this can be a difficult thing for full-timers. We don’t have a second home to go to. We initially thought it would be feasible to get a short-term rental, even with the dogs. Not so easy after all in this area (near Notre Dame and the summer season destinations in Indiana). The places we found would not rent us a furnished apartment with our dogs and/or wanted us to take a three-month lease. We did consider bed and breakfast or extended stay options in and near Bremen.

As we write this, we are beginning week four into our eight weeks (hopefully less) and living in the basement of Susan’s Son’s home. This gives all of us a bit more privacy. We are trying to be on our best behavior and follow parental rules for the grandchildren, helping with household projects and spending quality time with the families here.

This process involved many more decisions as we moved along. We are replacing most of the exterior lights due to the age of our rig and advancements in lighting. This is an easy modification, which we have discussed on the forums.

Among other decisions we faced were whether to paint the window frames or not, new basement doors or reskin old ones (a difference in depth) and whether to remove no longer needed refrigerator venting (moved to a residential refrigerator in spring of 2013).

It truly is fascinating, watching the installation and supporting of the new skin. This also afforded me the opportunity to take photos of our rig without skins and perform some modifications that could not have been done otherwise.

At the time of this writing both sides have been completely reskinned and the rig is about to enter the sanding stage. Dale visited to check on the status during week three and we are excited with the progress and looking forward to checking in again

in a few weeks as we enter the paint stage. We will provide and update in the next issue of the Roadrunner newsletter so stay tuned for Part Two.



Close up of skin removal



Most passenger side skin removed



Passenger side ready for new skin



New skin installed

Dale Prichard, Vice-President
Susan Prichard, Secretary

Editor's Note: For the full set of pictures of the Prichard's entire process, including one of the now finished coach, check out the following:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/103178584592865431457/DaGirlsPainting?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCMYNOISA97LRKQ&feat=directlink>

Member's Matter

We heard from numerous Roadrunners for our summer member feature. Let's get started:

From Carol & David Welling (plus 'Murphy' our kitty): We've just marked our first full year of living in our See Ya full time and enjoying life on the road. We sold our Camano Island Washington home last year (July). Since that time, we've experiencing new as well as familiar places and gaining new friendships along the way. Of many highlights the Texas Gulf Coast, traveling the 444 mile Natchez Trace and exploring the Maine coast (where we are now) are just a few. Looking forward to seeing Alfa friends at a future rally. Best wishes!

Summer notes from Frank & Deanna Jones: We are in Hawaii from 7/30 to 8/12. Son Ryan and Yayoi getting married 8/3 on Kauai at Fern Grotto. Boat ride to get there. 17 attending. Rental house in Kapaa. Dinner north. Cake poolside. F&D going for week to Big Island. Aloha! *Sent from my Wireless*

An update on the Mike & Lorraine Lynch: We have spent the summer traveling mostly in the Northwest. We attended the FMCA Rally in June in Gillette, Wyoming, where we met up with a few other Alfas. Had fun socializing and sharing stories as Alfa members are known to do! We are and will remain in Washington until early September then will work our way down the coast to Oregon and California. Eventually we will end up in Casa Grande, Arizona where we will spend a good part of the winter. Hope to see many of our Alfa friends at the FMCA Rally in Indio and at Quartzsite in January. And of course at the Annual Rally in April!!

Travels with Don & Dodi Steele: Wow, where have the months gone? Hello to all of you from Bangor, Maine! We have had a wonderful non-incident trip so far. Other than a little incident in Wyoming it has been trouble free all the way from Jojoba Hills, California to Bangor, Maine.

After we left Rochester, New York, we drove up the western coast of New York viewing the 1000 Island area and staying at a casino up at the very top of the thumb of New York. Went into the Adirondacks from there and spent a few days in a State Park, which was lovely and quiet. Drove through and around the Adirondacks and rode the ski lift to view the area. This is the mountain that the Olympics were played in 1980.

From the Adirondacks we took US Highway 2 into Vermont and stayed around and near the Lake Champlain area. From there we went to Stowe, Vermont and drove the scenic route of 100 in Vermont. Lovely, quaint little towns. Visited the Trapp homestead which is a hotel and villas that you can purchase. The original burned and the new facility has small museum type rooms displaying the lifestyle of the VonTrapps in Austria and here in the U.S. They were quite the family. Maria did not look at all like Julie Andrews.

On over to New Hampshire where we took another ride up the mountain. This time it was in a six-passenger van and the driver narrated the trip. Mt. Washington is famous for its weather at the top. We had low 70's at the bottom and it was 46 at the top with clouds to allow you to see about 10' feet in front of you. A wind at just about 50 mph. It is known to have the worst weather in the nation as well as the highest recorded wind in the nation at over 230 mph. The narration up and down the mountain was very informative and worth the \$30/person with senior discount. No way would I drive that mountain road but some did and were with very, very, very, white knuckled.

From New Hampshire we drove the 35+ miles to Bethel, Maine to visit 'home folk'. We spent an incredible two and half days with them as tour guides. That brings us to Bangor, Maine and a few days here in the Elks Lodge and doing "big-city" stuff. Our birthdays are next month so we are going to treat ourselves with something special now that we are here. Small towns are great and we have enjoyed them since we left Rochester, New York. But, I think, we are both enjoying the big city.

Michigan Musings from Val Nelson: Since I grew up in Michigan in the capital city of Lansing, I decided to write about my home state. I have found in my travels, especially in the western states, Michigan is not well known, and I run into many misconceptions. So, here are some of my thoughts about my state.

Michigan touches all of the Great Lakes except Ontario. We teach children in school to remember the five Great Lakes by thinking of the word HOMES: Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior. We also were the first state in the nation to provide free public education all the way through high school, a fact dear to my heart because I taught in the public schools all of my career, and graduated from Michigan State. That was almost in the back yard: my childhood home was 7 miles from the campus of MSU.

Michigan has two peninsulas, and they each have their own personality, and are connected by the Mackinaw Bridge. Since my home is in the Lower Peninsula, those in the Upper Peninsula call us Trolls (we live “under the bridge” you see.) But we call them the Yoopers to get even! We have the longest freshwater shoreline in the world, and are the top state in boat registrations. Not everyone uses their boat in the Great Lakes-there are many other lakes and rivers all over the state to swim, fish, and ride on.

Because of all the shoreline, there are 116 lighthouses in the state of Michigan, and I live within 15 miles of two of them-Little Point Sable to the south and Big Point Sable to the north. Sable is the Indian word for Sand, and the sand dunes are along the western side of Michigan. The National Park of Sleeping Bear Dunes is rated one of the most scenic places in the world, and near Silver Lake, where my home is, driving on the dunes is permitted, causing people to design and drive pretty unique dune buggies. Because of the way they drive while on the dunes, the locals often refer to them as “Dunatics.”

One of my favorite places to take people is Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. A wonderful botanical garden with three greenhouses and beautiful sculptures, its centerpiece is the 24-foot bronze statue designed by Leonardo da Vinci. His plans for the sculpture, which was never built (because the bronze was needed for war), were released by the city of Milan, Italy, to Fred Meijer if he would build them one also, so there is a matching statue in Milan, a gift of a Michigan man.

If you are traveling to Michigan sometime, and are anywhere in the state, you are only 85 miles from one of the Great Lakes. It is a great state not only to be from, but also to visit!

Greetings from Mike & Linda Rees: We are on the East coast, currently in New York. Also planned are: Maine, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Arkansas and Texas. And joining the Sunrisers Tennessee rally during September.

We left Vegas on Memorial Day and spent a few days in New Mexico, then on to visit with grandkids in Amarillo. From there we went to Kansas for a family reunion. We then went to Mike's in Indiana to get the front of the RV fixed. A nice tow truck driver released another RV and it rolled into our front. So much for the new paint job. We are all fixed now and enjoying being back on the road. Happy Travels to all.

New Fulltimers Bob & Elba Bennett Report in: We have been fulltiming since March. We left Arizona and decided to head West to visit some friends in California and Oregon. While in northern California Elba started to feel bad and we got in to Oregon before she really started to feel bad. We are staying at the KOA in Medford/Gold Hill and she has been seeing a general doctor who referred her over to a kidney specialist. She is now receiving Procrit shots to help her generate red blood cells. She is weak and always tired. We were hoping on continuing our trip in August but now we doubt it. If anyone is in our area, we'd be happy to see them.
(Editor Note: we send our best wishes for better health Elba!)

An Oregon Staycation from Wayne & Jean Dunn: We are enjoying our "staycation" this summer in Sunriver, Oregon at the Thousand Trails preserve near Bend. The preserve is beautiful and quiet with lots of lodgepole pine trees. We decided to take advantage of the Extended Stay program that Thousand Trails has begun to offer. If anyone happens to come through this area, please stop by and say hello.

Alaska Adventuring with Bob & Denise Gray: We are doing our bucket list trip to Alaska this summer. Our northern most destination is Fairbanks, where we are currently staying. The trip through Albert, British Columbia and the Yukon were fascinating with us finding something interesting each fun filled day! We have seen a grizzly mother with her two cubs playing beside the highway, brown bears, mule deer, stone sheep, bison, porcupines, caribou, deer, and moose, all in their natural habitat.

We have soaked our weary bodies in Miette, Tahini and the awesome Liard hot springs. We have safely crossed the Top of the World Highway, and now know how it gained its name after observing the spectacular views. We ate chicken in Chicken and Salmon in Fairbanks. Moving to Denali tomorrow! We hope that this trip is on your bucket list also!

Dave & Sara Allen let us know: We are at Kitty Hawk North Carolina. We will to going to Williamsburg Virginia next.

A Summer of Rally Fun for Marvin & Marian Grier: Our summer travel to date has been centered around the FMCA rally in Gillette, Wyoming and the Escapade in the same spot. We joined six other Roadrunners in Buffalo, Wyoming prior to the rally. We traveled to Gillette in a caravan so we could park together.

Buffalo is a really neat town and worth a visit. The FMCA rally was OK, but a very bad thunderstorm on Friday night caused many coaches to be pulled out due to the mud.

Between the two rallies, we traveled to Sundance, Wyoming for some sightseeing, primarily Devil's Tower. It is an amazing attraction, much more impressive than I would have guessed.

After the Escapade, we went to Medora, North Dakota. It was the only state we had never been in, and quite frankly, after going to Medora, we kicked ourselves for not going sooner. The badlands and Teddy Roosevelt Park are beautiful and Medora is a really neat town. The town has done a great job of utilizing its history as a tourist attraction. If you go, be sure to spend an evening at the Pitchfork Fondue, followed by the Medora Musical.

Back to Colorado Springs after that. Fortunately we were gone during the worst of the Colorado fires.

Another Northwest Staycation from Bill & Anita Herrick: Just a line to let you know Bill and I are in Newport, Washington, a little north of Spokane. We are here for the summer and will head back down South in the late fall; spending the holidays in California with family.

A Summer in Duluth Minnesota with Terri & Dennis Ristow: We are at a fairly new campground that is totally in the woods. Very relaxing, very large lots. Currently there is water and electric at each site. They are putting up a building to house showers, toilets, laundry for those that need/or want to use it. They are also going to put a playground for kids. There are 82 sites with about 10 of those for tents.

If you like the woods this is where to go. Plus it's located on one of the biggest fishing, swimming etc lakes. They do have a dumping station and a pump truck that will empty tanks on site. We love it here. This is our 4th summer here, helps that we are from Duluth.

In South Carolina with Jason & Kim Axberg: We are on 'staycation' on Charleston AFB in South Carolina. It's a lovely area, great famcamp and lots to do in this area. Jason is retired AF (23 yrs) and is working on base as a civilian Military Historian.

We are hoping to finish off paying our last few bills by the end of the year. We are then planning on making our way to the West Coast (slowly) to visit with parents. Looking forward to fulltime traveling in our 04 40ft Alfa, we love her!!

Wishing everyone a great Summer, wherever you find yourselves, if you are ever in this area, this is a great place to stay!

What a strange trip its been for Ray & MaryAnne Balzer: We had planned an early summer visit to MaryAnne's Mom in Boise, Idaho then over to our old home area in Colorado for the rest of the summer. We anticipated leisurely visiting our many friends in Colorado and touring around the state. First, we left Arizona late because of a Ray health issue. Soon after arrival in Boise the rest of our plans also changed.

Ray was riding his motorcycle dirt bike up in the hills when a dog ran and stopped right in front. Ray had no time to react. The bike collided with the dog and Ray went flying over the handlebars. Thank goodness nothing broke, but Ray was beaten up pretty bad. The worst seems to be a left shoulder rotator cuff tear. (We understand the dog required emergency surgery, but was expected to fully recover.)

Next, 36 hours later, Mom broke a vertebrae in her spine. So lots of hospital and rehabilitation time for her. Now Mom moves to an assisted living facility for a while. We hope to be back in Sun City, Arizona early in October, but MaryAnne may stay a while in Boise (or fly back and forth) until we can see how things work out for Mom. Between the two patients, MaryAnne has had her hands full!

Final Editor's Note: Thank you everyone who contributed to this newsy column!! May all our Roadrunner Club members travel safely, be healthy and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Future Events

Date	Event	Location	Hosts
Sept 17 - 21, 2013	Fall Rally	Lakeside KOA Ft. Collins, Colorado	Charlie & Donna Musgrave
Jan 18 - 26, 2014	Quartzsite Boondock	BLM, La Posa North Quartzsite, AZ	Doug & Wendy Ferguson
April 3 - 6, 2014	Alfa Roadrunner Pre-Rally	Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort, Casa Grande, AZ	Joe Hughes & Val Nelsen
April 7 - 13, 2014	2014 Alfa Owners Club Annual Rally	Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort, Casa Grande, AZ	Mike & Lorraine Lynch

Chef on Wheels

We have a number of great recipe suggestions for this issue—so let's get cookin!!

Fruit & Spinach Salad

Contributed by Lorraine Lynch:

16 oz. fresh spinach

1 ripe avocado

1 pint fresh strawberries

2 bananas

2 green onions

Mix your salad ingredients, then make the dressing:

3/4 cup sugar

1 tsp dry mustard

1 tsp salt

1/3 cup red wine vinegar

1/2 small onion, chopped

1 cup vegetable oil

Blend the ingredients until emulsified

Add 2T poppy seeds to the dressing

Chill the salad and dressing, combining when ready to serve.

Tasty Chicken Kabob Recipe

Contributed by Kim Axberg:

Use chicken tenderloins or just sliced up chicken breast, lay in flat dish and pour honey mustard dressing over the chicken, it needs at least an hour (but 2 is better).

Soak wooden skewer sticks in water whilst chicken is marinating in the fridge.

Poke skewers through chicken strips, (zigzagging will make them more secure during grilling).

We find it best to have the grill not too hot, place foil on the grill and put chicken on top of the foil to cook. Turn chicken every 5 minutes or so until fully cooked (usually 15-20 minutes). Enjoy!! They are tender and delicious!

Barley Water

Contributed by MaryAnne Balzer:

Hot summertime weather calls for cooling refreshing beverages. I found this old time one to try this year. Very simple and very healthful actually; and it has a very long worldwide history. It has even been the “official still soft drink” of Wimbledon, since 1934. This version is from TV Chef Alton Brown:

Bring 2 quarts of water to a boil
Add 1 cup pearly (hulled) barley
Reduce the boiling water to a simmer for ½ hour
In the meantime, zest and juice two lemons
Add the zest and juice to a pitcher along with ¼ cup of honey
After the ½ hour simmer, strain the liquid into the pitcher
Dispose of the spent barley
Stir the “still soft drink” well
Enjoy as is or chilled.
Note, you may want to experiment with other fruits to your taste

Enchilada Pasta Bake from Kraft (on Pinterest)

Contributed by Denise Gray:

4-1/2 cups medium pasta shells, uncooked
2 tsp. oil
1 yellow onion, chopped
1 red pepper, chopped
1 pkg. (1.25 oz.) TACO BELL® HOME ORIGINALS® Taco Seasoning Mix
1 can (14.5 oz.) no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained
2 cups OSCAR MAYER Deli Fresh Oven Roasted Chicken Breast
1 can (15 oz.) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed
3 green onions, thinly sliced, divided
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro, divided
1 8oz. pk KRAFT Mexican Style Shredded 4-Cheese/TOUCH OF PHILADELPHIA

HEAT oven to 375° F and **COOK** pasta as directed on package, omitting salt. Meanwhile, heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add yellow onions and peppers; cook 3 to 5 min. or until crisp-tender, stirring frequently. Stir in seasoning mix and tomatoes; cook and stir 3 min. Add chicken, beans and half each of the green onions and cilantro; mix well. Remove from heat.

DRAIN pasta. Add to chicken mixture; mix lightly. Pour into 13x9-inch baking dish; top with cheese. **BAKE** 20 to 25 min. or until pasta mixture is heated through and cheese is melted. Sprinkle with remaining green onions and cilantro.

Denise added a note: I made this with pinto beans, elbow macaroni (reduce the amount) and green chili's instead of green bell pepper. Still very good!

Hot Atlantic Crab Dip

Contributed by Lorraine Lynch:

12 oz. Atlantic crab meat (I substituted Dungeness crab!)
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
4T real mayonnaise
Salt & pepper to taste
(I added 1/2 cup chopped onions)
Assorted Crackers

Pick over crab to remove any shell or cartilage. Blend crab, cream cheese and mayonnaise; season with salt & pepper. Add optional chopped onion. Turn into a shallow baking dish. Cover & refrigerate. At serving time, preheat oven to 325 degrees and bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown on top and bubbly. Serve with assorted crackers.

Penuchi

Contributed by Lorraine Lynch:

2 sticks butter melted (1 Cup)
Add 1 box confectionary sugar
Add 1 jar peanut butter 16 oz. (2 cups)
Mix the 3 ingredients
Optional—add walnuts or use crunchy peanut butter for variety.
Spread in 9x13" pan. Refrigerate overnight. YUMMY!!

A great set of recipes that would fill a party table!! Enjoy!!

MaryAnne Balzer
Editor

Tech Tips

Mike and Lorraine Lynch submitted the following important quick note: Several of our Alfa friends have had slide out troubles due to the bolts that connect the slide out motor working loose. I checked the bolts that attach our motor and found several loose! I recommend you check them or have someone do it for you!

Be sure to turn the page for an exciting Tech opportunity at the 2014 Alfa Owners Clubs Annual Rally!!

An important 'Tech Tips' note for the 2014 Annual Rally: Camp Freightliner to be held at the Alfa Annual Rally!!!

Mike Cody, the senior service trainer with Freightliner has agreed to bring Camp Freightliner to Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort in Casa Grande, AZ for the Alfa Annual Rally. Each class will accommodate 22 people. The dates of the classes are:

March 31 - April 1

April 2 - April 3

April 4 - April 5

The cost will be \$175 for single or \$225 for couples. This will include two lunches and one dinner. Those attending must either own a Motorhome with a Freightliner chassis or be planning to buy one.

The Camp Freightliner web site is ([http:// freightlinerchassis.com/Owner-information/camp-freightliner/menu-id-98.html](http://freightlinerchassis.com/Owner-information/camp-freightliner/menu-id-98.html)).

Registration will open on August 1 for Alfa owners with Hal Chase, a member of the Mavericks. On 1 November, if the classes are not full, we will open the enrollment to residents of Palm Creek, who meet the requirements. After Thanksgiving, Freightliner will post the classes on their web site and accept reservations from any owner.

Each Alfa attendee needs to provide Hal with their name, address, phone number, e-mail, and the last six numbers of their VIN number. Attendees will make their own reservations with Palm Creek for a camping spot during the training days. We hope you will stay for one of the PreRallies and the Annual Rally. Registration for those should be available mid August.

The point of contacts are:

Mike Lynch [\(928\) 710-3681](tel:9287103681) e-mail: lorrainellynch@gmail.com

Hal Chase [\(408\) 455-7765](tel:4084557765) e-mail: lgfire@me.com

Diane Gaines [\(520\) 876-8969](tel:5208768969) or cell [\(520\) 483-7554](tel:5204837554)
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We are really excited about this addition to the Annual Rally and are hopeful we can fill all the classes with Alfa owners. Freightliner will not take deposits nor will we, but we want to insure we do not have any no shows. If you sign up, and anything changes, PLEASE notify us ASAP so we have time to fill your slot.

Thanks to Hal Chase for getting this going and for being the point of contact for sign up. And see you there Roadrunners!

Thanks

Mike and Lorraine Lynch

Annual Rally Wagon Masters

Editor's Corner

A sad notice to share with all: Richard Olivas, of Alfateers recently passed away, suddenly. The following is an excerpt from the Alfateers website:

"...Richard, our beloved Vice-President passed away early Sunday morning 7/14/13 of an apparent heart attack. Richard leaves behind his wife Teri, his two sons Ricky & Erik, and his four brothers Raymond, Leo, Joe & Andy. He also leaves behind all his friends, his business partner & best friend Jon, & his co-workers/family at Alfateers.

There really is nothing that we can say or do that will bring Richard back. Richard brought so much happiness, sarcasm, practical jokes, and love into the daily routine at Alfateers it can never be replaced and will never be forgotten. He had a hard shell but was soft on the inside and was the first to help someone truly in need. He was always the first one to show up, give Scooby a bag of gold fish from the vending machine and get the morning coffee ready to start the day. I can tell you that he loved to fish, food with extra cheese, and his favorite candy was Snickers. He practically ate one every day, sometimes for breakfast. Richard had so many nicknames, back at Alfa they called him Bulldog, and at Alfateers he would love to say his name was Tony Montana from the movie Scarface, and he would always quote "When was the last time you saw a bad guy like me".

Unfortunately, Richard & his family were planning a trip to Hawaii next week before Ricky graduated high school next year. Richard wanted his son to see Pearl Harbor before he joins the service like his father. We are very sad to know he never got the opportunity to take him there. Our hearts are truly in pain for this tragic and unexpected loss, and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

We will miss him forever."

Our Roadrunner thoughts and prayers go to Richard's family and to Jon and all the great folks at Alfateers that do so much for us. We will all miss Richard.

On a final note, remember this Newsletter is for all Roadrunner members. The next issue will be out about mid-November. If you would like to submit an article or talk about one, please be in touch with me, I would love to hear from you:

balzerfreespirit@gmail.com

MaryAnne Balzer
Editor

Welcome to the 2014 Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally

Mike & Lorraine Lynch-Rally Masters

Marvin & Marian Grier and Jack & Jerri Sedio-Co-Assistant Rally Masters

“Fun in the Sun!”

Enclosed with this **information sheet** is a registration form for this year's Rally. This is what the fees consist of:

- **Basic registration fee** – covers two people per rig, includes two commemorative Rally patches per rig, a welcome packet, three catered meals, coffee and pastries each morning, an ice cream social, a wine and cheese tasting, a pet parade, door prizes, Chapter gift basket drawings and raffle prizes. Both of you can participate in Rally activities which include: craft classes (an additional fee may be collected at registration for specific classes), seminars, vendors, walks each morning, an open house/coach walk and yard sale, a used book sale (please bring your used books to donate to the sale), and a BBQ sponsored by Alfateers RV Service Center.
- **Park fee** – site rent for six nights with full hook ups. Note that this rate will be good for five days before and after the Rally provided the dates are attached to the Rally dates. If you wish to take advantage of these rates you will need to make those arrangements directly with Palm Creek Resort. Please note that you may have to move when the Rally starts or after it ends if the Resort has the site reserved for someone else.
- **Optional fees:**
 - **Ladies Luncheon** – lunch for one person, plus the opportunity to win a raffle prize.
 - **Men's Luncheon** - lunch for one person, plus the opportunity to win a raffle prize.
 - **Non-Chapter Member** – additional fee for attendees who are currently not members of one of the six Alfa Owners' Club Chapters. For those who join a Chapter before or during the Rally, we will refund this fee.
 - **Additional people** – additional fee for each person over the two who are registered for the Rally.
 - **Extra 2013 Rally Patches** – for those who would like additional Rally patches over the two that are included with your registration fee.

We will have two golf tournaments during the Rally. Arrangements are being made by Marvin Grier. One will be at the Palm Creek Executive Par 3 - 18 hole course and the other will be at Dave White Golf Course – a standard 18 hole course. These are both listed on the registration form. Several prizes will be awarded at the final dinner.

We plan on having vendors on site for rig/vehicle washes and waxes. We will have their contact information available at a later date.
Alfateers RV Service Center will also be onsite to provide service and selected installations during the Rally.

Separate sign-up and information/price sheets will be sent to you at a later date for those that need service or want something new installed or replaced on their rig.

We urge you to sign-up as soon as you receive the forms as their work schedule gets full quickly.

In addition, we will have a special Prime Rib dinner with Las Vegas quality entertainment for only \$35.00 per person. This dinner will be held at the Park in the ballroom.

There are several offsite venues that are close by: The Promenade Shopping Mall is 1 mile away; SkyDive Arizona, for your participation or just observing, is approximately 15 miles; the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is approximately 20 miles; the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society and Museum is in Old Town Main Street District; St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery is located in Florence, approximately 25 miles from Casa Grande.

SPECIAL EVENT

CAMP FREIGHTLINER IS COMING TO PALM CREEK!!

Camp Freightliner will conduct three, 2-day classes just prior to the Annual Rally. Alfa Owners have priority registration until Nov. 1 at which time it will open up to other freightliner owners.

Contact Hal Chase at (408) 455-7765 or e-mail: lgfire@me.com to register now.

Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally April 7 – 13(departure date), 2014

Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort
1110 N Henness Rd
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(800) 421-7004
info@palmcreekgolf.com

Rally Masters
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The Alfa Annual Rally is for Alfa owners only, Alfa unit must be on site.

Name: _____

Chapter _____ Chapter you want to park
with _____

Type & Size Alfa: 5th Wheel _____ Motor Home: _____ Length of Rig: _____

First Timer: Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration fee: (2 people per Alfa unit)	\$	155.00
Park fee: \$35.00 per night X 6	\$	210.00
\$		
*Non-Chapter Member Fee: \$25.00 per rig	\$	_____
**Extra People: \$70.00 ea X _____	\$	_____
Extra Rally patches \$5.00 ea. X _____	\$	_____
Ladies Luncheon Wed. Apr 9 \$14.00 ea X _____	\$	_____
Mens Luncheon Wed. Apr 9 \$14.00 ea X _____	\$	_____
Prime Rib dinner & Las Vegas type Entertainment		
On Site Tues. Apr 8 \$35.00 ea X _____	\$	_____
Golf @ Palm Creek Sat. Apr 12		
Par 3 course – walking only 9 holes \$14.00 X _____	\$	_____
18 holes is optional \$19.00 X _____	\$	_____
Golf @ Dave White Golf Course Thurs. Apr 10		
Standard course, cart included, 18 holes \$40.00 X _____	\$	_____
TOTAL DUE		\$ _____

Please send your check for the total amount due, payable to:

Mike or Lorraine Lynch (include “2014 AOC Rally” on the memo line) with the completed registration form to:

**Mike & Lorraine Lynch
1110 N Henness Road #966
Casa Grande, AZ 85122**

There will be **NO** shortened stay or reduced fee **on the Rally Registration Form**. If you wish to arrive early or depart late, the Rally Rate per night applies to 5 days before and after the Rally as long as the dates are attached to the rally dates. You must make all extended dates and arrangements directly with the Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort.

Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally is a Social Event hosted by the Alfa Owners' Club. **Attendees must stay at the resort in an Alfa RV.**
Alfa Owners' Club **REFUND** Policy: Rally Master shall, upon request, refund money's to individual requesting it, providing moneys have not been disbursed.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY

We agree that we will not hold the Alfa Owners' Club, its Chapters, nor any officer or agent, responsible for any personal or property injury of any kind, which we or any member of our family or guest(s) may suffer during the Rally. This agreement applies regardless of the cause of the injury, and includes, without limiting it, whether said injury is caused by a condition of the premises, another club member or any other person. We make this agreement in consideration of the expenses that the Alfa Owners' Club and its Chapters incur by holding the Rally for our benefit, and recognize that in signing this paper we are waiving a legal right to recover damages.

Signature: _____

_____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

_____ Date: _____

Please list any dietary restrictions and/or special needs on the back of this form.

***Fee will be reimbursed by the Rally Master if you join an AOC Chapter before or during the Rally.**

****Please list names of extra people on the back of this form. (for purpose of name tags)**