



Roadrunner News November 2013 Edition



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Travel Thought for Today: “Where ever you go, go with all your heart”—Confucius

Reminder—The Quartzsite Winter Rally

A NOTE FROM OUR QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA WAGONMASTERS--**Doug and Wendy Ferguson:**

Greetings fellow Roadrunners! Included in this Newsletter is the 2014 Roadrunner's Quartzsite Rally Information Sheet. As in years past, we think the gathering is a fun way to visit old friends and make new. We purposely keep the schedule light so we all can take advantage of the big swap meet.

We have come up with a few other ideas that are not on the schedule at this point. If you have never been to the Desert Bar in the outback of Parker, it is a fun trip. Doug can lead a group there. The bar is only open on weekends so we only have two days: the first rally Sunday and the last rally Saturday. Weather will be a figure into the date decision too.

There has been talk about a pizza night where we could pool our money and pig out. I will have more information later after I find out about prices at Crazy Al's Pizza.

We are also open for speakers for different products etc. I know this information is coming to you early but it is not too soon to think about FUN!!!! Of course, if any of you have other ideas please feel free to call Doug and I, or Sharon and Sven, or MaryAnne and Ray.

A side note: We trust that your summer was as wonderful as ours was. Not much down time for us though. We had lots of company including several Roadrunner friends. The Pacific Northwest is a wonderful place to be in the summer. Nevertheless, we have been socked in with fog for so long now we really need to be heading south--at this point, I do not know what the sun looks like! So for now, best regards and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!! Hope to See Ya all in January!

An AOC reminder from the South Loafers: Now is the time to sign up 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

Hello All! Hope all your travels are going well. Val and I headed down to Florida for a few weeks. We will leave the motor home in a resort at Lake City Florida, and go home in the toad for Thanksgiving and Christmas. After the holidays, we will go back down to Florida, pick up the Wee Cottage, and continue out to Surprise, Arizona and Happy Trails Resort.

If you have been checking the website (Alfaroadrunners.net) you already know that Mike and Lorraine Lynch have done another wonderful job setting up the 2014 Alfa Owners Club Annual Rally at Palm Creek RV Resort in Casa Grande, AZ, with Camp Freightliner being offered during the PreRally. We will keep the PreRally activity to a minimum--golf, etc. will be organized on an as demanded basis and pay as you go. The complete schedule and registration form should be on our website about now.

Our Fall Colorado Rally (Sept. 17–21 at Fort Collins Colorado) went off extremely well. We were all so worried about the flooding in that area, but it turned out not to be a problem. Thanks to Donna and Charlie Musgrave and Jim and Becky Godfrey for volunteering to co-host this event. Their write-up is included in this issue.

Until we meet again, Val and I wish you safe travels.

Joe Hughes

Vice-President and Secretary Report

Editor's Note: Here we have Part II of Dale and Susan's reskin/paint project:

As we neared the end of the seventh week out of our rolling home, we made a trip over to check on things. Took "Da Girls" with us as we planned to stay overnight if necessary. So, we had to find accommodations in Bremen for the four of us. Yes, we would have had more choices if we had stayed north in South Bend /Elkhart area, but wanted to be closer. The Bremen Inn would allow the dogs, but was no five-star hotel. It was however, clean and we made it through our two night stay. Just across the way is a VFW/American Legion Hall where the folks are friendly and the food is good. They invited us to park in their lot for the night after we got our rig back.

We worked with the staff at Paul's shop to get back into the rig. It was so good to step inside and feel at home and the outside paint job was just gorgeous. The push was on to get us out the door in seven weeks; but by Friday, the decision was made to keep the rig into the next week. We wound up picking it up in seven weeks and four days (who was counting). We made an appointment to bring it back into the shop the following Wednesday with anything we had found marked for fixes.

We drove back to Chicago to collect our "stuff" and say our goodbyes to our loved ones (and housemates). We left Chicago Thursday evening and headed back to Indiana where we stayed the night at the shop lot so we could point out a few things to the shop prior to our appointment. Then we moved on to Plamor Campground for holiday weekend.

We took time, circling the rig with blue masking tape, making a list of “flaws”. Some so minor they just needed some buffing, and others touch-up paint. Nothing was too big. But, something you need to allow time for after pick-up. We do have a one-year warranty for unfound issues. We hoped not to need a trip back. However, as we move along down the road, we say with confidence we will visit Indiana and the kids in Illinois again next year.

While we spent the week in the area, we visited local shops. Our favorite was a grocery restaurant in Rentown run by the Amish. Great food, great prices and some unique items. We also connected with repair shop to fix our cracked kitchen counter. The shop made Corian tops for our bedroom dresser and bedside tables as well. Just for fun, we parked the rig at the Newmar Plant in Nappanee and took the tour. Impressive, but love our Alfa.

As we began our journey after the paint job, it was very hard to think about rock chips and the possibilities of nicks and scraps. However, it is a reality. As we moved along we have discovered other defects that we have noted and will have to schedule a trip through Indiana next year to correct. Again, many are small--however a few are not.

All slide seals were replaced. They are very snug--we needed to apply a brushing of baby powder occasionally as we broke them in. We are dealing with the large slide awning mounted too low and hanging up the slide. The doorframe was mounted too tight and we were getting lots of air noise. Now, the biggie—I wanted every surface reskinned but I was out-voted because “if the fronts/rears of the slides have never blistered, they probably never will”. Well that is just not true. We have blisters below the new paint job on the rear side of the large slide. So remember, people, if Momma says she wants every surface redone except for front and rear caps, please just do it. All in all, we are very happy with the new look of our rig. If you have not already heard, I now refer to her as our **2014 Alfa**.

So, like a stick and bricks home, we have to maintain them. Our rolling homes take a beating moving from point A to point B even when we take it easy, it is just the nature of the beast as we move around in unfamiliar areas. And like most fixes on the sticks and bricks it takes more than one trip to the hardware store to get the job done. In this case though the concept is the same the distance is another story.

We are glad we made the decision to do this; and are overall very happy with the results.



Dale Prichard, Vice-President
Susan Prichard, Secretary

Editor's Note: For the full set of pictures of the Prichard's entire process check this out: <https://picasaweb.google.com/103178584592865431457/DaGirlsPainting?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCMYNOISA97LRKQ&feat=directlink>

A Travel Log from Bob & Denise Gray—Summer in Alaska!

IT'S THE JOURNEY, NOT THE DESTINATION! This past summer, Bob and I traveled to Alaska, visiting Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. We started our trip from Westminster Colorado. We crossed into Canada on May 27 from Montana, driving a total of about 9,900 miles.

I could spend pages and pages describing all of the sights that we saw, the museums we visited, the hot springs we soaked in, the glaciers, the lakes, the mountains, the rivers, the fishing and the people we met. Not to mention the grizzly bears, black bears, Smoky Bear and Yogi. We saw eagles, puffins, roadrunners and many other birds. We saw deer, antelope, elks, caribou, reindeer and Bullwinkle. We visited a musk ox farm and saw buffalo grazing on the side of the road. We watched coyote, wolves, humpback whales, harbor seals, sea otters, and salmon running.

In Alberta, we visited Ft. McLeod, Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo Jump, Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. North of Jasper, we hit the brakes, coming to a complete stop to watch a mama grizzly grazing on grass by the side of the

highway, while her two cubs played and romped with sheer juvenile joy! How often do you see a sight like that? Then into British Columbia visiting Dawson Creek, Fort St. John and Fort Nelson. We spent two nights at Liard Hot Springs; soaking in hot natural water to soothe our travel weary bones!

In the Yukon, we stopped in Watson Lake, leaving our sign at the famous Sign Forest. In Whitehorse, the capitol of the Yukon, we attended an Adaka Cultural Festival (a First Peoples tribe) and had a private tour of the Capitol Building. We also toured the SS Klondike Sternwheeler, The McBride House, rode the trolley, visited Miles canyon, the Beringia Museum, and the Transportation museum with a DC-3 plane, the largest weathervane in the world.

We arrived in Dawson City, Yukon Territory on June 27, spending five nights. July 1, is Canada Day. I cannot even describe how fun Dawson City was! We saw the RCMP (Mounties) in their red uniforms; we wandered the town, walking on the wooden sidewalks and the dirt streets. On July 2, we took the small ferry, in the Alfa with toad connected, across the Yukon River to The Top of the World Highway.

We enjoyed a small town Alaska 4th of July in Tok. We drove through forest fire smoke visiting Delta Junction, Big Delta, North Pole and Fairbanks. This was the northern most point of the trip. We turned South to Denali National Park, where we lucked out having a crystal clear day for the tour. We continued South to Talkeetna, Wasilla, Palmer, Anchorage, and the Kenai Peninsula visiting Kenai, Soldotna, Homer, and Seward. In Homer, we went on a fishing charter and brought home 30 pounds of halibut. In Whittier, we took the 26 Glacier Tour. We continued on to Valdez and visited Wrangle St. Elias National Park.

On the way South, we traveled to Haines, Alaska and rode the Fast Ferry to Juneau on a day trip. We turned onto the Cassier Hwy South, enjoying beautiful British Columbia Provincial Parks, on our way to Stewart/Hyder. We traveled on to Prince Rupert/Prince Edward. Continuing South, we traveled through Prince George and Kamloops. We reentered "the lower 48" at Blaine Washington on September 8.

We highly recommend the Milepost book! While one of us drove, the other read from the book, giving us ideas on stops and history of the areas. The book was worth every cent!!

During our journey, we kept saying this was the trip of our lifetime, and we wanted to see everything we could see, as we might never return. By the time the trip ended, we realized that somewhere, some place, someone is going to say, let's go to Alaska! And we are going to decide to do this all over again! If

you want detailed information on our trip, you can find further information on our blog. www.bobanddenisewanderlust.com

Useful Parking Information, from our Treasurer, Valerie Nelsen

As many RVers know, the campgrounds provided by the Army Corps of Engineers are one of the best deals the government offers. They are all near lakes or streams managed by the Corps of Engineers, and are especially attractive to boaters and fishermen. The parks offer camping facilities at very inexpensive rates, especially to those of us who have a Golden Age Passport. We receive a 50% discount on already low prices.

On our trip from Michigan to Florida, the end of October and early November, we stayed at a campground near Acworth, Georgia on Allatoona Lake. Joe is always encouraging people to let us all know about special campgrounds, so I am recommending the Allatoona Lake project if you are in Georgia, or traveling through, as we were. If we went by the description in the Trailer Life Directory only, we would not have stopped. Trailer Life does not rate any of the Public Corps parks, and gives them minimal, and sometimes-inaccurate descriptions. Fortunately, we have our own guide to Camping With the Corps of Engineering. We also use www.recreation.gov.

The Allatoona Lake project began in 1941, but was discontinued during WWII. The dam was completed in 1950, and created a large, irregular lake that has over 25 campgrounds, plus state, county, and city operated facilities, and several marinas.

We stayed at McKinney campground, which is open all year and has 150 sites with water and electric hookups, including eight handicap sites. We were in a beautiful woods with fall foliage at its peak, and close to restrooms and showers. The staff was helpful and friendly, but since we were visiting friends in Kennesaw, we found the winter gate closing time of 9:00p.m., starting October 1, had to be planned for. We felt like kids coming home late from a date!

If staying in a beautiful quiet woods with gorgeous lake views and access appeal to you, check out McKinney campground. Valerie Nelsen, Nelsenvalerie42@gmail.com

Ft. Collins, Colorado Fall Rally Report

The Ft. Collins Colorado Fall Rally took place at the Lakeside KOA, September 17 - 21.

Alfa owners in attendance included: Brentner, Gene and Carol, Collins, Paul and Dayla, Godfrey, Jim and Becky (Co-Hosts), Grier, Marvin and Marian, Hall, George and Carol, Mathison, Tom and Maureen, Musgrave, Charlie and Donna (Hosts), Spangler, Cathy and Muzio, Marianne and Taubman, Wayne and Kathy.



(I wanted to include the group picture we took the final day of the rally. Not a bad looking group, if I do say so myself! Becky Godfrey—Photo by Cathe Spangler)

Itinerary and Fun Events:

Tuesday Evening - September 17th --Each couple brought a heavy hors'doeuvre and beverage of their choice for a get acquainted gathering and an opportunity to discuss the upcoming rally events.

Wednesday, September 18th --Breakfast of coffee, donuts and orange juice. New Belgium Brewery Tour--a very interesting event where Fat Tire is the best-known beer. Lots of samples were provided during the 1 ½-hour tour (perhaps too many)! We enjoyed lunch at Cane's Chicken. For dinner, we visited Bruce's Bar located in Severance, where the specialty is Rocky Mountain Oysters (yummy). Following dinner, the group headed on to Greeley, for a private tour of the Greeley Freight Station Museum (Tour was conducted by the Brentner's two sons). Everyone had a great time!

Thursday, September 19th --Breakfast of coffee, donuts and orange juice followed by a Sculpture Foundry Tour in Loveland. Next, a walk through the sculpture garden--both proved to be very interesting and the sculptures were amazingly beautiful. Following the tour and walk, the group had lunch at the local Olive Garden. The afternoon was a freebie for the attendees--everyone had some quiet time prior to heading out to dinner. Dinner was at Lupita's

Mexican Restaurant, which proved to be very good! (Charlie Musgrave declares that they have the best pork green chili around--he just might be right).

Friday, September 20th --The day began with a very hearty breakfast: breakfast burritos, various coffee cakes, fruit, coffee, and orange juice. Then off to the golf course for the guys, while the ladies learned how to Sashay Knit; and attempted to get caught up on laundry and coach cleaning. (Thinks the gentlemen may have gotten the better part of that deal). Dinner was incredible--catered by Donna Musgrave. We devoured pulled pork, potato casserole, baked beans, coleslaw, homemade rolls, apple cake and whipped cream. Absolutely no one left the table hungry!

Saturday, September 21st --Breakfast was continental--coffee cakes, breads, coffee and orange juice. Then we had to say our good-byes. Not to fret, though--we will see everyone again in April 2014 at Casa Grande, Arizona. Submitted by Becky Godfrey-- godfreybj@comcast.net

Member's Matter

We heard from a number of Roadrunners for our Fall member feature. Let's get started:

From John and Myrna Filipczak--Announcing the wintertime Alfa Owners breakfasts in Mesa, Arizona. The Mesa Alfa Owners breakfasts will start Saturday morning December 7th, 2013 at 9 am at the Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Rd., Mesa, Arizona 85205. The restaurant is located on the corner of Power Road and McKellips with plenty of parking. The location phone number is [480-985-6793](tel:480-985-6793).

The scheduled breakfast dates for 2014 are January 4, February 1, March 1 and April 5. For more information email John at: jfilipczak@grantsburgtelcom.net OR call John [612-987-5811](tel:612-987-5811)

From Mike and Linda Reese--Does anyone have an Alfa sofa for the large slide out? We changed our minds after removing ours and would like to return to the original. Thanks for your help and any leads you may provide to us at: kd7cvj@hotmail.com

From Randy and Debby Sherow--Hello to all of you Roadrunners and/or other ALFA owners, I'm writing this from the parking lot of Alfateers on our 17th day (and counting) here. In the next paragraph, I'll tell the story. But in this paragraph, let me offer a holiday invitation to any and all to join a wonderful group of RV owners at the 6th annual RV Forum holiday bash at The Catalina

State park just north of Tucson during the week between Christmas and New Year's.

We will be going to our third rally there with the group and we would most definitely like to have some ALFA company. We generally have 15 to 20 RVs at this get-together. While there are four Country Coaches, several Tiffins, a couple of Fleetwoods and various SOBs, we are the only ALFA and would love to have some other ALFA owners join in the fun.

The Catalina State Park borders the Santa Catalina Mountains and great hiking and scenery are at your doorstep. We have daily happy hours and a three-coach open house potluck on New Year's Eve. The park is across the street from a large shopping area with a movie theater, Wal-Mart and numerous restaurants, which we frequent, in small groups, during the week. Anyone who may be interested in joining a small fun loving group of RVers who also meet at various other venues during the year, please check out the RVForum.net for more info and search for The Catalina State Park rally. That is where we will again be spending part of our holiday season.

And now, for the rest of the story: Debby and I have an '08 Gold Model 1018 SYG40LSXL. Back in the spring, we began to notice that our slides were no longer going in and out properly. Then, into the summer, the sidewalls detached from the coach and the caulking under the strips along the length of the coach began to seep out and the existing sealing material cracked. We also had some bubbling and separation on the roof.

To make a long and sad story short, apparently when ALFA built this model coach, they did not design enough support into the back end and our entire back end had begun to sag causing a significant problem. The boys at Alfateers had to jack up the house, separate it from the chassis, and weld additional steel support into the back end of the coach. So, any of you with the LSXL models, keep a close watch on your rear-ends. Or, if any of you have good friends who find your coach attractive, have them keep an eye on your hiney (to look for sagging) as you go "runnin' down the road tryin' to loosin' your load", or you just may leave your load on the road.

We also have a Twin Temp unit in our coach that has not worked properly since we took delivery of the unit. It has been worked on four different times without success. This time, here in Fontana, it was determined that the unit was plumbed incorrectly at the factory and had to be replumbed. This is the first and only time in our 5.5 years of Alfa ownership I wanted and needed factory support for these design and manufacturing issues. But, I do appreciate the fact Alfateers is here to help us all when we need them.

From Art and Carol Bailey--Unfortunately, Art and I are no longer Alfa owners. We have downsized to a B+ and bought a small house in our hometown of Salt Lake City. Therefore, we will not be renewing our Roadrunners membership. We will be sobbing, honking and waving at every Alfa we pass on the highway!

From Craig & Terilu Christen-- Dear Alfa Roadrunner friends: We are on our way to Florida this year with the annual migration of RVs (kind of like the whales moving from Alaska to Mexico). We stopped at Gaffney, South Carolina, at the Freightliner Factory Service Center for chassis service and found out that a lot of See Ya's pass through there.

We called over a month ahead when we wanted an appointment. We learned they were booked for the day we wanted. We then re-called four days later and an opening was available. We next arrived four days prior to our appointment. We stayed in their 20+ free sites, hoping to catch an earlier appointment.

We noted that they were able to get many add-in folks in with mechanical problems (two to four hour fixes) but we had to wait for our modified M-3 service. The folks there are very nice, extremely competent, and very knowledgeable about chassis issues. They fall under the Oasis Service system that gives discounted rates (\$90 per hour). They also have great, quick access to parts and you can take an interesting factory tour while you wait.

Two winters ago, we spent two months in Breckenridge, Colorado, skiing. Before that we had only two osmotic blisters, but since then (after many nights at -30 F) many blisters started popping out, We are full-time and really enjoy the room & space that our '04 Gold gives us—our plan for the blisters is to re-skin & paint and continue the Fulltime lifestyle. Any input as to who to have the reskin/paint is appreciated.

From Frank and Deanna Jones-- Late October, we traveled to Glen Canyon. We camped one night at Lake Powell Campground. Even though it is a National Park, our Golden Age Pass did not count towards camping. No 50% off, so our one night was \$48. Concrete FHU sites but more than we needed. View of Lake. Might have stayed longer if fees had been more reasonable. And with \$48, you still had to pay \$2 for showers. Tents were \$26, or you may dry camp (which Frank did not want to do).

We traveled to Bryce National Park, our first time there. We only did half of the steps. Weather got cool so we did not go back the next day; so we have half left

to do. Bryce should be on everyone's Bucket List. Orange rock formations are fascinating. We did not have time to hike though.

We traveled to the Zion National Park area. We stayed at motel/RV campground called Mt. Carmel RV Park. FHU sites, but most are 30amp. Ours was 50amp. Across the road, beautiful mountains. Golden & yellow leaves on the trees when we arrived. Rate \$20/night, probably the cheapest rate we will find. We suggest camping here while visiting Zion, unless you camp in Zion itself. It is a bit far to Bryce though.

We loved Zion! It should be on everyone's Bucket List. Golden and yellow aspen, cottonwood and elder trees against the orange monolithic rocks were just awesome. Frank says majestic. We decided by day two that Zion beats the Grand Canyon. The road is below the cliffs, so you are in the canyon rather than looking down from the top. You could easily spend five days in Zion if you want to hike. There is hiking available rated mild, moderate or strenuous. We did not have time to hike much but will if we come back.

We spent a little time in Springdale and Kanab. We took 300 pictures of Bryce, Zion and Glen Canyon plus a few I took in my phone. We saw some bighorn sheep and plenty of mule deer. The drives on highways 12, 89 and 9 are beautiful themselves.

Frank continues to work on the road but found time to install several things: 40" LED HD Smart TV with sound bar in the front (still some finishing work needed), LED multicolored light strip under awning that operates with a remote (ran orange for Halloween) and replaced the lamp by recliner (that bounced around) with light that matches one on sofa wall and removed the TV by the kitchen; and installed matching cabinet door we got from Alfateers last winter. We now use the space to store camera and videos.

Deanna decided to do a bit of decorating since she does not own a house: put up a few pictures, put a wood fish on cabinet door given by son/DIL for Hawaii trip/wedding, bought new leopard towels, rugs, and accessories for bathroom. Also got antique sewing machine drawer to organize things by stove.

We are heading to California for part of winter. We will spend Christmas and New Year's at Glen Eden in Corona, California. We hope to get a few things done at Alfateers before we head to Arizona and Quartzsite. Look forward to seeing our new Roadrunner friends we made from last year. Safe travels and holidays to you all. See Ya.

From MaryAnne Balzer—In reply to my members email for newsletter articles, I received an email from Skip and Lexie Huffman. I mentioned in the first email I would be visiting Sedona, Arizona for some days. Well, turns out, after some back and forth with the Huffman's we discovered my group was staying at the

same time–share resort as they were!! Small world! On arrival at the resort, my friends said they would help me find the Alfa. As I turned around and happened to look out the living room window of our casita—there they were just a long block away at the end of our street. Could not get much closer than that by accident! Of course, we all visited. What a great added bonus to my trip!

And another coincidence—Bob and Denise Gray are staying the winter in the same Sun City, Arizona resort as Ray and I. In addition, Charlie and Paula Gray are arriving as well. Paradise RV resort is not the size of some mega resorts and is located in the very NW metro area of Phoenix. So, the chances of us being here together are pretty amazing!

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 your winter season.

Future Events

Date	Event	Location	Hosts
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

There are great sources on the web for recipes of all sorts. Here are two yummy easy ones for upcoming potlucks and rallies. Happy dessert time!!

Cream Cheese Cinnamon Crescents

Ingredients:

- 2, 8ounce cans crescent roll dough
- 2, 8ounce packages cream cheese
- 1.75cups of sugar
- 1teas. of vanilla
- .5cup of butter

1teas. of cinnamon

Directions:

Spray a 9x13 baking pan with cooking spray

Roll out one can of rolls in the bottom of the pan.

Cream together:

all the cream cheese along with the 1cup of the sugar and the vanilla.

Spread this mixture on top of the rolls.

Lay out the second can of rolls over the cream cheese mixture.

Melt the butter and mix in the remaining .75cup of sugar and the cinnamon.

Pour the mixture over the top.

Bake in a preheated 350degree oven for 30 – 35 minutes.

Cool and cut.

Three Ingredient Apple Goodie

Enjoy warm or cooled.

Ingredients:

1, 16.5ounce tube of refrigerated sugar cookie dough

1, 20ounce can of apple pie filling (or change it up with other flavors)

.25cup sugar combined with 4teas. of cinnamon

Directions:

Press 2/3 of the dough into the bottom of an 8x8 or 9x9 pan.

Sprinkle on about 2/3 of the cinnamon sugar.

Spread the fruit filling over the cookie base.

Flatten out small amounts of the remaining dough and dollop on the filling.

Sprinkle on the remaining cinnamon sugar.

Bake in a preheated 350degree oven until the dough is baked about 35 – 40 minutes.

Cool and cut.

MaryAnne Balzer

Editor

Tech Tips

A note from the Heppler's--We have often had trouble finding good RV repair shops. We now have found one after eight years of looking. Good work, fast, nice to deal with, allow you to stay on the property and with reasonable prices. Even better news is they used to be an ALFA Dealer, and know all about Alfa's; plus they have several specially trained service technicians for Alfa repairs. The business is **FREEDOM RV in Tucson, Arizona** just off the freeway.

The contact person is Brad White, the Service manager. Their phone number is [520-750-1100](tel:520-750-1100). We have been there several times and have been pleased with their work and our treatment. Freedom RV has solved several problems no other dealer could.

Submitted by: Larry and Marge Heppler, hepplerlm50@yahoo.com

A tip from Ray Balzer--The air horn on our 2006 See-Ya started failing. Symptoms were low volume constant blowing of the horn after the air pressure built up, somewhere around 100 psi. Occasionally it stopped by just pressing the horn fully. Alfateers reports that they can sometimes unstick the solenoid with WD40; although they were not sure the fix ever lasted longer than a month. I tried their suggestion, as well as tried air tool oil, multiple times without success.

Finally, I just replaced the solenoid. That fixed it. The solenoid is available from Alfateers for \$100 plus shipping and includes a short electrical cable (that I did not use). I also found the same solenoid, but without cable, from a web site for \$70 marked down from \$80 list: <http://www.componentproductsgroup.net/index.php?action=item&id=662> . The solenoid is from Hadley and is part number H00570. While Hadley does have some rebuildable solenoids, they do not have any rebuildable ones with our Alfa configuration.

For installation, the tricky part is removing the old air hoses from the old solenoid--for re-installation on the new solenoid (the new solenoid does NOT come with air hoses). The key technique is to use an open-end wrench that just clears the hose. Use the wrench to press down on the floating brass collar while pulling fairly hard on the hose. Installing the hose is much easier and pushes right in. There are two air hoses and they have different sizes, but are removed/installed the same way. Submitted by: Ray Balzer, ray.balzer@gmail.com

A reminder from Joe Hughes--Just a reminder that David Allen, a Roadrunner member, maintains a yahoo Roadrunner web site for all of us to use. This is a great tool for instant communication and sharing day-to-day information. Once the address is in your bookmarks it is easy to reach:

Members should use this address to reach the web site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/alfaroadrunners/info>

Again, you only have to enter this address once then it is there to share our lifestyle with fellow Roadrunners. Submitted by Joe Hughes, joemhuzs@gmail.com

Editor's Corner

Thank you all for your contributions for this newsletter! Your participation is awesome!!

Please be sure to open the additional e-mail attachments to this edition. There are two attachments regarding Alfateers coming to the Annual Rally. In addition, the Quartzsite information sheet is attached.

The Roadrunner Quartzsite rally will mark the three-year point I have been Editor of your Newsletter. I am finding for myself it is time to hand the reins over to someone else. Originally, I agreed to take the position out of commitment to our club--at a time when we were in flux and still finding our way away from corporate sponsorship. And now the time has come for someone else to dive in and make our newsletter their own.

I will still produce the February edition unless an eager volunteer would like to step forward and begin right away. Please let the Officers or I know as soon as possible regarding your interest. I will be glad to advise and assist while you get your feet wet.

It has been a fun gig. I have grown in acquaintance and friendship with so many of you. It has been very rewarding—a very enjoyable way to participate in our Roadrunners club.

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

MaryAnne Balzer
Outgoing Editor

Purchasing Opportunity for someone looking to buy an Alfa:

I have my ALFA for sale and would like it to be put in the newsletter. The ad is shown below. Thank You, John Pondell

2003 ALFA SEE YA

38' Diesel pusher. Has 6 new tires, new main slide-out awning, new rubber roof, new rear back-up camera and a new satellite King Dome. Coach and chassis batteries have been replaced, all eight. Also has new Koni shocks, safe T steering control, new frtlr super steer and motion control units on front and rear axles.

Has 2 slide-outs. High ceilings, queen-sized bed + two sofa beds. Beautiful decorator interior with light wood. It has a washer-dryer, convection-microwave oven and a conventional oven. 4 TVs, large pantry, "basement" storage with pull-out tray holding a TV and refrigerator/freezer. Main awning has wind sensor that will retract in high winds.

NO smoking or pets. Has ceiling fan, good-sized refrigerator, with freezer above. Three skylights with fans. Plenty of storage, toilet separate from enclosed shower and sink. Many Extras: custom-made window sun screens, wheel covers, Ultra Guard, and towing equipment + more.

Our Alfa has been loved and pampered. We are selling only because we purchased a park model in Arizona.

Price: A very good deal at \$60,000.00 or best reasonable offer.

Contact: John Pondell: [231-972-4306](tel:231-972-4306) or cell: [616-340-9759](tel:616-340-9759) **Editor's**

Note: Due to space considerations, I was unable to include the beautiful pictures John sent to me of their rig. Please contact John and I am sure he will send you the set. It is a very well kept unit. We wish John and Patti the very best in their new adventure.

Alfa Roadrunners Pre-Rally April 3 thru April 6, 2014

Registration Deadline 13 February 2014

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

Rally Masters:
Joe Hughes, Val Nelsen
630-561-1230 (Joe)
231-301-0732 (Val)
joemhuzs@gmail.com

Co- Rally Masters:
Jim & Celine Carrol
480-522-5389
jim67carroll@yahoo.ca

The Alfa Roadrunner Pre Rally is for Alfa owners only, Alfa unit must be on site.

Name: _____

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

First Timer: Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Park fee: \$35.00 per night X 4..... \$140.00

Registration Fee (2 people per coach) \$ 80.00

Includes: Welcome Dinner, Daily Coffee and Donuts, Pancake Breakfast, Sheriff's Dinner and contribution to Chapter Baskets.

TOTAL DUE 220.00

Please forward the registration form and a check payable to Valerie Nelsen, 4491 N. Ridge Road, Mears, MI, 49436. Include in the memo line 2014 Alfa Pre-Rally.

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 Roadrunner Pre-Rally is a Social Event hosted by the Alfa Roadrunner Club. Attendees must stay at the resort in an Alfa RV. Alfa Roadrunner REFUND Policy: Rally Master shall, upon request, refund money to individual requesting it, providing money has not been disbursed.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY

We agree that we will not hold the Alfa Roadrunners, 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 Roadrunners 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.

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

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Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(800) 421-7004
info@palmcreekgolf.com

Rally Masters
Mike & Lorraine Lynch
(928) 710-3681 (Mike)
(928) 772-3637 (Lorraine)
lorrainellynch@gmail.com

Co-Assistant Rally Masters
Marvin & Marian Grier
(719) 339-3811
margriersr@gmail.com

Jack & Jerri Sedio
(216) 409-7756
jackandjerrifuntimes@yahoo.com

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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: _____

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**

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	\$ _____

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____ 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)**