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Travel Thought for Today:

“To my mind, the greatest reward and luxury of travel is to be able to experience everyday things as if for the first time, to be in a position in which almost nothing is so familiar it is taken for granted.”

Bill Bryson

President's Corner

Susan and I are in the traveling mode now, as we are heading southwest toward Arizona. I would like to take this time to say a big “Howdy” to all of our members. We have had a very busy summer with our volunteering position along with visiting Alfa owners. Needless to say “Where has the summer gone”? As one of your elected officers, I can say this is one mighty fine chapter.

Our main goal for 2014 was communication, increasing awareness amongst, you, our members. We have been working on this by introducing our new *Hot Flash Bulletin*. With the introduction of our *Hot Flash Bulletin*, it allowed you a way of introducing the various ways of life we all share in brief and more frequently than we publish newsletters.

2015 looks to be another outstanding year for the Alfa Roadrunner Chapter, as we make plans for the Pre-Rally in Casa Grande, Az. The Pre-Rally and National Rally gives each of us a great opportunity to re-connect with old friends and to make new ones. In addition to that, both events will be chock full of fun and information to improve your RV Lifestyle. And, , let's not forget the shopping opportunities for both the “boys toys” as well as the “girls”. We hope everyone will stay tuned for developing information.

Our January Quartzsite Rally is still in need of Wagon Masters. If no one steps forward by the end of November, the Roadrunner event will be cancelled. The location will still be available for an unofficial gathering. Each rally is what we make it, there are no set rules. We do, however, have guidelines to aide our Wagon Masters in planning an event. The rally can be a very simple event, greeting on the official day of arrival, morning coffee and breakfast goodies, which could include planning a breakfast potluck, and usually one or two planned dinners. We always have enough volunteers to help the Wagon Master so everyone has plenty of time to enjoy the time, both in camp, and at the Big RV Show Tent. If you are interested in learning more about opportunity to serve your group, please contact me at gatorcq@gmail.com or Susan at rvgrandma01@gmail.com to discuss. Incentive – we do pay your BLM camp fee for the Rally and your Rally Fees, but more importantly, you will be rewarded by getting to



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know everyone there better and wonder why you were ever concerned about volunteering for this in the first place.

Dale

Link to Roadrunner Group Site

Join the Group Site by using the link below.
(<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Alfaroadrunners/info>)

As we travel down the road, we will use this site to inform our members of new information found on the Roadrunner Web Site, such as events, places and new members.

Link to Roadrunner Web Site

(<http://alfaroadrunners.net/>)

A Special Note from our Treasurer

Treasurer Report:

We have been on the move in the last month and just arrived back in Arizona for a good part of the winter months. I am looking forward to warmer weather and the opportunities to visit with our many members who will be wintering in the area also. We are working on the agenda for the Spring Pre-Rally and just waiting to get a few pieces of information from Palm Creek to finish up and get the registration information in your hands. It will be send directly to you by e-mail as soon as it's available. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for April 7th to 11th, 2015 to "be there or be square...." We are planning some new things, some old favorites and lots of good times for all.

We currently have \$4,332.85 funds on deposit at Wells Fargo in a combination of checking and savings.

As of today we have 146 members. Our newest members are:

Wolfgang & Patricia Esser
Moe & Nita Moser
John & Leigh B Gushea
Patrick & Kathleen Bustamante
Charles and Kathleen Anderson
Donald Brittin & Carolyn Russell
Linda McLain
Kirk & Mary Sausman
Leary & Sandra Sooter



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Skip & Twila Ashton
Verne & Susan Ireland
Martin & Penny Kennedy
Craig & Lori Weeder
David & Carol Welling

Let's all offer each new member a warm Roadrunner welcome.

Last spring I sent out via e-mail contact information for our membership. I will be updating and resending this information to everyone who has e-mail soon. We do have a few members who do not use e-mail and a few who have opted out of this sharing. If you would like to be on the "do not share my e-mail" list, please send me an e-mail – rvgrandma01@gmail.com. Be on the lookout for this e-mail.

I have enjoyed many interactions with our members thus far this year and I look forward to hearing from all of you if you have any ideas to share or concerns about the Roadrunners and/or your membership.

Hoping to see you soon!

Susan Prichard

Vice President Report:

Secretary Report:

NEW BUSINESS



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2002 Alfa SeeYa (still for sale, so share the news with all your friends)



A Sampling of More Summer Adventures from our very own Roadrunners:

Adventures of John and Dianne Tschumper

We arrived at Davis Cabinets in Oregon for our appointment on June 13. They were to start work on Monday but came to us and asked if they could delay start as they were behind on several projects. We said fine, as we had devoted the whole summer to this work. During the weekend of July 4 they had finished a good portion of the work, but were again behind, so we took a week to visit with the Hewlett's. We returned to Davis Cabinets for our final work and finally headed north to Blaine, WA for three weeks at a Thousand Trails park. Our plan was to stay in northern WA until a family get together in September. Our daughter in Alaska has a business and her babysitter hurt her back in June. It soon became apparent it would take significant time for an operation and recovery. Dianne flew to Alaska to become her babysitter. Meanwhile our daughter who resides in Hong Kong is planning on attending a class at Harvard the last week of August and also needs a sitter. There could be issues getting a Visa for her nanny so Dianne is standing by to fulfill the greatest need. We won't know until the last minute. Dianne will either stay in Alaska until September or fly to Washington and then on to Boston. Meanwhile, John is again stuck by the side of the road with the coach, while Dianne meanders



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around the Globe. Actually John has been quite busy moving the home movies from the last 30 years from VHS tape to DVD. Life goes on.

John and Dianne Tschumper

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A Special Note from: John and Myrna Filipczak

Myrna and I left St. Paul, MN on Tuesday, September 16th and made our way west to Sioux Falls, SD. Wednesday we traveled to Valentine, NE. Thursday we drove to Sterling State Park in Colorado and Friday, down to St. Vrain State Park, north of Denver. We met with our daughter and her significant other and went out for supper. Saturday, we drove up through the Eisenhower Tunnel and over and down to Breckenridge, Co. We stayed at the Grand Timber Lodge in Breckenridge. Our daughter came with Gary and stayed until Monday evening.

When we were in Breckenridge, Gary was our tour guide because he's been there.

We started up the Boreas Pass but when we turned around at the same intersection twice, it was time to drive back down the hill. We stopped at the Gold Mine and walked around. While taking our last pictures, we heard a strange sound, turned around and witnessed a 'skate boarder' boarding down the hill with turns and stop signs. We wondered how he managed to stop flying down the middle of the road.

Tuesday, Myrna and I decided to follow the Boreas Pass to the end. We drove 8 ½ miles on dirt road up to the Continental Divide, 11,482 feet. At that altitude, we were just a couple of hundred feet from the 'tree line' on the mountain. Pictures were taken of the Divide and we started our return trip down the mountain. This is our first off-road trip ever in our 2006 Hummer. What a ride it was.

Wednesday, we had lunch at 'The Peak Seven Restaurant'. What a fantastic view of the Grand Timber Lodge and all of the ski slopes. The shuttle took us back to the downtown 'Transfer Station' and called for the Resort shuttle to pick us up and bring us back to our Lodge.

Thursday, our exploratory trip was up to Vail, CO. We ate lunch outside on a beautiful, warm afternoon. Our waiter asked where we were from and we told him Minnesota/Wisconsin. He told us about 'Piney Lake' which is 12 miles north of Vail. He said it is pristine and beautiful. "Here are the directions". We followed his directions and we had 12 miles of dirt, rocks and some mud holes along the way. This was our second off-road trip and we did not take any actual pictures of the narrow trail up and down the mountains to get to Piney Lake. When we finally arrived at Piney Lake, the other visitors told us we just missed 5 moose feeding in the bay just to the right of the restaurant. Oh well...our luck. We took



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pictures and headed back to Vail. Fifty-five minutes on the trail to get us back to black top. Isn't that what a vacation is all about?

Friday, we headed for Clifton, CO and Saturday we made it to Moab, UT. We were very fortunate to get an overnight at any campground there.

When we arrived at our first park, I immediately called and made reservations at the second park for Sunday and Monday. Saturday afternoon after we set up we drove to the Arches to see what everybody talks about. It started raining and that put a damper on a few sites. We went back to the campground and returned Sunday for more sightseeing.

With all the rain that fell on Saturday, we were told that some of the roads could be barricaded. Sure enough, the road to the Lower Delicate Arch was blocked because of all the mud on the road.

I turned around and we headed for the Devils Garden...the end of the road. We drove through the campground and took a few pictures and then up to the Garden. When we reached the Garden, it started to sprinkle a little bit. "We're here, we're going in". Putting on our rain jackets and taking an umbrella, we started up the trail. It started raining harder and decided to call it a day. There'll be a next time for sure.

That concludes our trip towards Apache Jct. Not quite. We left Moab Tuesday morning and drove to Flagstaff, AZ...J&H RV Park. This is a beautiful RV Park and we're both glad to be here Tomorrow, Oct. 1st, we'll be home at Happy Days RV Park in Apache Jct. If anyone is interested, we are in site #113.

I would like to thank the fellow Alfa Owners who emailed me with their driving routes from Breckenridge, CO to Apache Jct.

Safe travels to all,

John & Myrna
'04 See Ya'
#2408

Travel Adventures of Marvin and Marian Grier

We will not be home until November. When we left the caravan, we stopped in the Freeport/Brunswick, Maine area to visit friends, and the same in Vermont. We then went through Connecticut to get my hair cut by my ex hairdresser (we lived there in 2003-04 when Marvin had to take Kaman Instrumentations and set it up at the Kaman Aerospace headquarters because he was retiring and they did not want to find a new president in CO). We visited with people that worked for him. We, also, ordered a new awning for our coach due from Marvin kissing a power pole in order to miss a car



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that pulled in front of us as we were leaving a camp in NS. We next went to Massachusetts to visit his brother's widow, and family in Quincy. We were pleased to finally get to visit the Kennedy Library/Museum and the John Adams & John Quincy Adams home sites/museum. We then drove down to the Cape for his Coast Guard Pilots reunion and, of course, finally got to Martha's Vineyard, since we never got there on either of the tours that we had at the Air Stations in Salem and Cape Cod. Then, we went back to Connecticut to have the awning installed and met Mike and Lorraine Lynch, and Lorraine's mother for lunch. We, then, moved on to New York here we parked at the West Point Recreation Center and toured the Academy, once again ,to include Hyde Park & the 9/11 site/museum.

We moved down to Pennsylvania today to visit my cousins in the West Chester area, visit the wonderful Amish country again, as well as, go back to Gettysburg to see the new museum that overlooks the battlefield.

Following Pennsylvania, we will travel on down to West Virginia to visit Marvin's family and high school friends. Then on to Virginia and North Caroline to visit my family, attend the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station "Old Timers" reunion (Marvin was stationed here when I was in college and met him), my class reunion and a wedding.

And tonight we found out that my father's sister will be 100 in November and they are planning a big party for her, so I am not sure we will get convinced to , since it is 2 weeks after the wedding and we had planned to leave following that. On our way across country, we will stop in Arkansas, on our way back to Colorado to visit his sister and family.

And, of course, we will taking in sites, tours, etc. on our travels because we still have a couple of Presidents Libraries/Museums and National Parks to visit, which are on our Bucket List!

We will be in Case Grande for the rally and how early we will be there for the planning, etc., we do not know as of yet! We need to get with Tom to see how the plans are coming together and what we will be responsible for this year. It is good that we have several couples hosting it because that way, it will be much easier for all of us.

See you in the spring!

Marvin and Marian Grier



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A Great Summer Story: from Gene and Judi Lasater

KITTENS, KITTENS, EVERYWHERE!!

In May of 2014, when Gene and I were in the Monterey Bay, Ca, we spent some time at one of the two Thousand Trails campgrounds in the area. This one is San Benito and is about 15 miles from Hollister, CA.

I was looking out of the dining room window one afternoon and saw one of the feral cats walking toward the motor home with something in her mouth. Originally I thought it was one of the many “critters” that roam the park. Then I discovered it was a kitten. I told Gene she was carrying a kitten and he said it was fine as long as we didn’t leave with a kitten in the RV.

When we left, we drove to Sacramento Truck to have some work done. The next afternoon as we were leaving, one of the mechanics was standing there with a bleeding finger and he was holding a kitten by its foot. I asked if he would call the SPCA to have them come and get the kitten as were on our way out of town and didn’t know where to take it. He said he would but it would probably get adopted by one of the secretaries upstairs. That is exactly what happened.

We headed out and stopped in Weed, CA for the night. The next morning our neighbor knocked on the door to let us know we had a kitten at the back of the motorhome around the tire. We went out to see what we could do to get to it. Gene had to get our broom to reach it and kind of “rolled” it out from between the tires. Our neighbors had already checked with the campground owner and were told there wasn’t an SPCA or Humane Society in the area. We were tasked with taking the kitten with us in order to turn it in to the Humane Society in Bend, OR.

We had placed it in one of our coolers with a towel for a bed and went on our way. After about an hour Gene felt we should stop and try to feed him. We did just that and I decided I could hold him for a while. He just curled up on my lap in his towel and went to sleep. He was very cuddly and snuggled right in. We arrived in Bend in time to get him to the Humane Society and they said they would probably have him placed quickly.

About a week later, our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters were eating dinner and our daughter could see out of her front door. All of a sudden, she pointed and said “kittens!!” we went out front and there were TWO more kittens, quite happily chasing butterflies. We know they were part of the same litter because they were all the same color and these two were just that much older than the first two. It was too late to take them to the Humane Society that night so we kept them in the house. Our granddaughters had a great time with them. Both kittens were very happy to have some human touch.

We took them to the Humane Society the next day and told them that we were re-uniting the family.



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The question we keep asking ourselves is “how did they survive the drive from Hollister, CA to Bend, OR and how did they survive the heat”? Something we will never know, Gene thinks they were in the air conditioner compartment and were able to have something to drink, but that was a full week. Plus the first 2 were only about 3 weeks old when we left Hollister. How is that for stamina? Quite the little troopers I have to say.

I know, you are wondering why none of us adopted them, the only answer I can give you is—allergies!

There is a great ending to this story. A friend of our granddaughters came over near the end of the summer and told me she had spent one day a week volunteering at the Humane Society during the summer. I told her that is where we had taken the kittens and she said “I know, they told me they were all adopted and two had gone together.” We assume the last two are the ones who went together. We were very relieved to hear the news.

Gene says he is always worried about an ant invasion, but we never even considered a “kitten invasion”.

An Update from Mike and Lorraine Lynch

We have been in West Point for the past 6 days, the weather is beautiful and colors are popping everywhere!! We arrived just outside Philadelphia yesterday, and we are on the train to Philly as I write this. We will be meeting Jim & Dorthey Collard for a tour of Independence Hall then to other sites in the area, to include of course a Philly Cheese sandwich!!😊

We will be heading to Gettysburg, Eisenhower's farm, Harper's Ferry, and then to Myrtle Beach and other points of interest in the South. We plan to hold up in Miami while we take a weeklong trip to the Dominican Republic over Christmas with our son. We are so looking forward to that!

Also, we will try to kayak with the Manatees in Florida near Crystal River and then begin to work our way west to Arizona. The current plan is to arrive at Palm Creek sometime during the February time frame.

Lorraine and Mike

A Short Message from Martin and Penny Kennedy

We began with a 14 foot trailer & tried 5 different rigs until we got our 40 foot Alfa SeeYa. It is pure luxury for us and we love the Alfa owners we meet along the way.



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Travel Adventures of Joe Hughes and Val Nelson

We left Michigan on September 9 in our Alfa Motor Home and headed south. It was a little early for the Snowbird Migration, but we had lots of travel plans. Our first stop was a KOA in Rock Island near the home of Joe's son, Brian, and his family. We spent 2 days visiting them, and then headed toward Rapid City, South Dakota, where we stayed for over a week in Hart Resort RV park, which was a wonderful base for our daily trips exploring.

Our first trip was to Mount Rushmore, which we found incredibly inspiring! We also walked the Presidential Trail, which gives many views of the Monument, and stayed for the very moving evening program that honors the Military, past and present. The visit to Mount Rushmore far exceeded our expectations.

On the back side of the mountain, is a monument carved (really slowly blasted!) by a Polish American, Korczak Ziolkowski, and his family as a tribute to Crazy Horse. We drove back to the RV on one of the more spectacular mountain roads, Needles Highway. Friends from the Alfa Roadrunners Group, Dale and Susan Pritchard, are working in the area, and we spent a day with them driving on another trail where we saw wild burros, a large herd of buffalo, and big horn sheep. We had lunch at Custer State Park Lodge, which is very historical.

The city center of Rapid City continues the tribute to our presidents by having life-size statues of all of them on the street corners. They are incredibly well-done and inspiring. This entire part of our country was definitely worth traveling to!

The Alfa Roadrunners were having a rally at the Garden of the Gods RV Park in Colorado Springs, so that was our next stop. As a group we visited the Olympic Training Center, some of us even went to an Air Force Academy football game, and most of the group had a great dinner at the Edelweiss Restaurant. When you see Joe, ask him about the Ham Shank Dinner. It was enough for an entire family! Of course, MUST-SEES in Colorado Springs are Pikes Peak and Manitou Springs, so we went there, too. Another place in the USA that we are happy to have seen!

The last stop before our Snowbird destination in Surprise, AZ was the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. We had been there once before 5 years ago, and we enjoyed volunteering at the Discovery Center then, so we planned to volunteer for 30 hours to earn a very nice jacket. The Fiesta works by using volunteers and they treat them marvelously! We had free camping, shuttles to avoid traffic, many free meals and parties, and we thoroughly enjoyed it all. The sight of hundreds of hot air balloons in the air at one time is amazing, and seeing them glowing at night can't be described with words. We left Albuquerque for Happy Trails Resort in Surprise, AZ happy to have seen the Balloon Fiesta another time. And yes, Happy



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Trails really was started by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. It has roads named Trigger, Buttermilk, and Pat Brady, and we are at our winter home, done with traveling for a while.

Joe Hughes and Val Nelson

Early Winter News from Frank and Deanna Jones:

I want to keep it brief:

Frank & Deanna will be in Kansas City, MO area for early winter. We are expecting a granddaughter in December. We, also, hope to leave for Florida in early January. We hope that everyone has an absolute great Thanksgiving. We will spend Thanksgiving with Deanna's daughter and grandson, who live in Belton, MO, since we will still be north. With weather permitting, we will plan to go down to the Plaza and watch all the lights come on. Through the past 3 winters, we have left by early November, although, we feel so spoiled by warm winters. We will now have to break out the winter coats and long underwear.

Deanna & Frank Jones
2002 Alfa See Ya #370

Help EMT's to Save Your Life

If you are like most of us, you will leave your RV in a campground or "boondocking" site and go "somewhere" in your toad.

Each time you un-hook the toad, always carry a pad on the dash with you indicating the date you unhooked and where your RV is parked.

If something happen, or you forget, and you have an accident in your toad, how would anyone know that your "home" is parked nearby when your tag shows "MS".

Make sure the first page has emergency contact information and entries by date as to where you are "parked". The last entry should be where you last unhooked.

If your "home address" is a Mail Forwarding P.O. Box, then state that you are a "Full-timer"! These precautions will help EMT's and Police to know what to do. It will save time, energy, and, perhaps, your life.

Louis J. Finkle, PhD



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Are You a Veteran, or a Spouse of a Veteran?

Please forward this email to all veterans and spouses. They deserve to know you care enough to let them know of the benefits of being a S*M*A*R*T RVer!

We owe so much to our veterans who served in National Guard, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army, Coast Guard, etc... and the spouses who lost their partners in the military. We need to contact every one of them we care about to let them know about the SMART RV club.

Special Military Active & Retired Travel Club (SMART) brings military veterans (active, retired, & honorably discharged) together to share camaraderie, travel, RVing, and to support our veterans. SMART members provide information for the military RV family, and support welfare programs for veterans while "Seeing the Country We Defend."

Please forward this email to all veterans and spouses so they can be helped by the SMART activities. Have them take a look at all the stuff available at ... <http://www.smartrving.net/>

If you have a contact with a magazine, newsletter or newspaper, let you contact know that I am willing to write an article about the many ways the public can assist our traveling veterans. You and I can make a difference if we work together.

OK Roadrunners.....Please Save the Dates:

Quartzsite, AZ Rally – Quartzsite Big RV Show – January 17th – 25th – Wagon Masters(WM) Needed – contact gatorcg@gmail.com if interested – details to follow once we have WM

Alfa Roadrunner Pre-Rally – April 7th to April 11th, 2015 – Palm Creek RV Resort, Casa Grande, AZ: more details to follow

Alfa National Rally – April 11th – April 17th, 2015 - Palm Creek RV Resort, Casa Grande, AZ: more details to follow

Wanna Connect with Other Alfa Owners?

The Alfa SeeYas chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) will hold its annual pre-rally at Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA from January 2-6, 2015. Those that will be attending, will then caravan to the FMCA Western Area Rally, at nearby Indio, CA. We would like to get the word out to as many Alfa owners as possible, and we would appreciate your help in forwarding this e-mail to the members of your chapters. Owners do not need to be an FMCA member to attend the pre-rally or Indio rally; fifth wheels are also welcome and FMCA tells us they will be able to park with our group at Indio



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this year. If attendees do want to park with the group at Indio, they need to register separately for the Western Area Rally and sign up for parking with electric.

A registration form and info flyer for the pre-rally are attached to this e-mail. (Deadline is November 30 or when 30 rigs have registered.) The Western Area Rally registration form can be found at the following link:

http://www.fmca.com/images/stories/pdf/areas/wea15_registration.pdf

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ray & Lori Zimmermann
Wagon Masters

Jan. 20-25, 2015

Black Rock RV Village
46751 E. Hwy 60, Salome, AZ
Wagon Masters: Jan & Don Wallace and Frank & Jane Davies

ALSO:

Tampa RV Super Show – Jan. 13 – 18, 2015
Wagon Masters: Roger & Janice Brooks
For additional info contact: Roger4bsnursery@yahoo.com

Just a Reminder:

Alfa Roadrunner Yahoo Group Membership

(Didn't know we had a Roadrunner Yahoo Group...well, following are instructions on using the group website)

Using (and Managing) your Alfa Roadrunners Yahoo Group Membership

So you've heard about this new Alfa Roadrunners Yahoo Group and you're thinking of joining (or have already joined). Now what?

In this article, I'm going to give you some information on how to get the most out of the Group and how to change your membership. I'll cover:

1. Why should you join the Alfa Roadrunners Yahoo Group?
2. How to join the Group
3. Should you use the web site or receive posts via email? And how do you change what you receive from the Group (individual email, daily digest, no mail, etc.)



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4. How to change your email address
5. How to post topics and respond to the posts other people make
6. How to use the files and photos section
7. Membership details (how many members, list of members, privacy, management, etc.)

I won't cover all these topics in detail this time around, so ask questions and let me know what you're interested in so I can decide what needs more detail. Here goes!

Why Join?

In this nomadic lifestyle of ours, often the biggest challenge is keeping in touch with our friends and staying up-to-date with what's happening in the RVing world. The intent of this forum is to help fellow Roadrunners stay in touch, find out where and when rallies will take place, ask questions related to our lifestyle and otherwise provide a forum for us to communicate about our RVing lifestyle (please keep topics relevant to RVing and Alfas!).

So if you'd like to join the Alfa Roadrunners Group, read on!

How to Join

The simplest way to join the Group is to send an email message to "alfaroadrunners-subscribe@yahoogroups.com". If you do, you'll receive a reply email message from Yahoo to confirm that you want to join. Just reply to the message without any other content – a message will then be sent to the moderators to verify your eligibility to join (you must be a member of the Alfa Roadrunners chapter of the Alfa Owners Club). When you've been approved, you'll receive a message in your email inbox notifying you of your new membership and a link to the Yahoo Groups Terms of Service (ToS). You'll also receive a file from the group owner with some basic information on how to access the files and folders section of the Group web site.

How to Keep in Touch with the Group

If you want to take full advantage of the Group, you will need to associate your group membership with an existing Yahoo ID or create a new Yahoo ID. The approval email message from the Yahoo (it'll be from "notify@yahoogroups.com") gives you the basic information needed to do that (a link to the web site which contains a button to "[Sign Up](#)" or, if you have a Yahoo ID, "[Sign In](#)").



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A screenshot of the Yahoo Groups website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Mail, News, Sports, Finance, Weather, Games, Groups, and Answers. Below this is the Yahoo! Groups logo and a search bar labeled "Search Groups". The main banner features the text "Welcome to Yahoo Groups." and "An extension to your real life group of friends". There are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Start a New Group". A note says "You must be a registered Yahoo user to start a group." and there is a "Sign Up" link. The "Sign In" and "Sign Up" buttons are circled in green.

If you join via email only, you can't control the way Yahoo communicates with you about the Alfa Roadrunners Group, so read on if you want to do something different! A good reason to join with a Yahoo ID – you can define how you will receive information from the Group – individual messages (an email message for each Group message), a message digest (one message containing all messages to the Group for a single day) which is useful for busy groups, no messages at all (you need to visit the web site to read the messages) or just special messages (messages of importance sent by the owners or moderators). You can also set up an alternate email address where you want to receive your email or change your email address in case you need to do that. You can have Yahoo send your group messages to any email address you choose (you could set up an address just for Yahoo Groups if you want).

Changing your Email Address

If you need to update the email address where you receive your Group messages, you'll need to tell Yahoo about the new email address. If you're subscribed by email only, you'll need to either set up a Yahoo ID and associate your new account with your email address so you can change it or you'll need to unsubscribe and re-subscribe with your new email address (use alfaroadrunners-unsubscribe@yahoo.com to unsubscribe and see the address above to re-subscribe). If you have a Yahoo ID, go to the [Membership](#) link on the web site page and select "[Edit Membership](#)"



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Alfa Roadrunners
Restricted Group, 43 members

Conversations Photos Files About More Membership Management

Welcome to Alfa Roadrunners !

1 member added in the last 7 days

Group Description
The Alfa Roadrunners are a non-regional Rving

Membership

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<input checked="" type="radio"/> alfa4078@gmail.com	2

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Yahoo! Alias

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Now you can manage your Yahoo identities and your email addresses. To change your email address, first add the new one then make it your default by clicking on the radio button beside it. When you're done BE SURE to click on "Save" to save your changes. You can add several email addresses here if you like. You can also create a new Yahoo ID alias if you like (you could create and use "ALFA-4078" for example).

Although you can use only one address at a time you can define several email addresses to associate with Yahoo and use different addresses for each group to which you belong.

Posting and Replying

There are a few things to keep in mind when you are posting messages and replying to other messages:

1. Use a subject line that's descriptive of your topic. And don't "hijack" a previous subject by changing the topic without changing the subject. Rather than change a subject line, you should start a new topic (click on the "[New Topic](#)" button on the web page or start a new email message with a new subject line rather than replying to a previous message).
2. When responding to a message via email, please trim the previous message to contain only what's necessary to the understanding of the current message (by "trim", I mean delete old parts of the message that are no longer relevant). This advice isn't necessary when using the web site to send and reply to messages because Yahoo automatically trims ALL past message detail (a bit annoying because you might not see the information needed to understand the content of the message! There are ways to force Yahoo to show previous messages in a thread, but that's for another time).
3. To post via email, send an email message with appropriate subject and body to:
alfaroadrunners@yahoogroups.com



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4. To start a new topic on the web site, click on the “[New Topic](#)” button. You will find the button on the Info page or on the page that shows the list of messages (“Conversations”). Note that there is no New Topic button on the page that is displaying a message (click on the “Conversations” link at the top left of the web page).
5. Finally, PLEASE identify yourself. If you are asking about something to do with your Alfa, it’s wise to include the year, mode and serial number of your coach (for example “2006 Alfa Gold #4078”)
6. And remember to be respectful of others; avoid controversial topics and use appropriate language at all times!

Using Files and Photos

You can view photos that others have uploaded to the site or you can upload photos that you’d like to share with others. Because the number of photos can get large as time goes on, it’s important to organize the photos in a meaningful way. Be sure to upload your photos into an album with an appropriate name or create your own album to organize photos in a logical manner. Unfortunately, there can only be one level of “Album” in the Photos area.

Files can be organized in a more sophisticated manner. Folders can contain folders, so a hierarchical organization is possible. If you want to upload a file, please review the existing folder structure and either use what’s there or add a folder at an appropriate level to hold your file. Avoid dropping a file in the root Files area.

In a future article, I’ll provide more detailed information on how to upload, download and edit files and photos in the Alfa Roadrunners Group.

Membership Details

The Group was started in Sept 2012 and so far we have 42 members. That’s out of a total of about 150 Roadrunner members. So this Yahoo Group has a ways to go if you judge by the number of members – about 1/3 of the total possible. Whether this number goes up or not depends on what you want of the Group and whether it’s of value. And that depends on you, the members of the Roadrunners! We can make it a valuable resource or just another failed communications tool – you choose. Those of us that help manage the Group will do whatever we can to make the group site useful to you and try to set it up the way you want.

We will be publishing the Roadrunner members list in the files section of the Group and include contact information (name, state of residence, email address); based on your interests, we can add more details if you want. We need to respect your privacy, so we won’t list your contact information if you want it kept private, but remember that the information on this web site is only available to members of the Group and you can’t join the Group unless you are a verified member of the Alfa Roadrunners. Susan recently sent out a request for you to inform her of your desire to remain private – please be sure to respond if you don’t want your contact information listed in the group’s Files area.

Finally, a few words about management of the Group. Currently, there is one group owner and one moderator. If you would like to help out with the moderation task, please let Dave Allen know – we can always use the help of additional knowledgeable people! The owners/moderators of the Yahoo Group are responsible for validating membership and assisting in getting the site organized for the benefit of



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all. We can verify that posts to the site are appropriate for the Group and delete messages if necessary (for example, if a message is SPAM). Again, your suggestions are encouraged. And we'll try to keep the Files and Photos areas up-to-date and relevant.

Closing Comments

So let us (Dale Prichard, Dave Allen or myself) know what you want and what you'd like from us.

Dave Rypma
Moderator – Alfa Roadrunners Yahoo Group
alfa4078@gmail.com

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