



Alfa Roadrunner

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Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day everyone. I hope you are all well and enjoying fall. All is well here in Colorado Springs as we get ready and anxiously await ski season. The resorts are open, just waiting for more runs to open! We had a great time in Albuquerque at the Balloon Festival. Susan did a great job of organizing everything and Dale did a good job of supporting her, I'm sure 😊. All kidding aside, I am pretty sure that everyone that attended had a great time at this wonderful event. Lots of hard work and lots of pictures. We are already making plans to return next year and have made a request for more slots than this year. We enjoyed meeting new friends and renewed others. Please plan on being part of the group next year.

The next event on the horizon is the rally in Quartzite. Please look for more details in this newsletter. Following Quartzite is the Spring Rally in Hemet, CA, just prior to the AOC Rally. Your officers are waiting on information regarding caterers so we can firm up details on meals and pricing and should have more information out to you real soon.

Please watch for the email with registration and rally information in the very near future.

As many of you know we have our two annual meetings during the Spring and AOC Rally timeframe. Your officers have been in place for two years now and it's time to consider fresh blood. None of the jobs are very demanding, and not difficult, so I encourage each of you to please consider stepping up and taking one of these positions. If any of you have any questions about the positions or the duties involved, please reach out to any of us.

Becky and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable winter and look forward to seeing everyone in Hemet.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is over and many of us have migrated to our winter parking spaces. On our way to our Texas winter layover, we attended the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta with 17 other Alfas, mostly Roadrunners. Thanks go out to Susan & Dale Prichard for orchestrating our involvement in this great event.

We are currently working on details for the Roadrunner Spring Rally in Hemet, CA, which will immediately precede the AOC rally. The dates are April 6th through April 9th, with the AOC starting on April 10th. Look forward to a mailing with more details and registration instructions soon.

We wish everybody a safe and happy holiday season.

TREASURER

The current balance of the Savings and Checking accounts is \$7,113.44.

TECH TALK

Kidde recalls 37.8 million fire extinguishers

November 3, 2017 in [RV Industry News 2 Comments](#)



BOSTON, Mass. — Fire extinguisher manufacturer Kidde is recalling 37.8 million extinguishers in the United States and another 2.7 million in Canada because of problems with the plastic handles.

The recall covers 134 models manufactured between Jan. 1, 1973 and Aug. 15, 2017. It also includes models that were previously recalled in 2009 and 2015.

“The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency,” said a recall notice distributed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. “In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.”

Recalled extinguishers were sold at retailers including Sears, The Home Depot, Walmart and Amazon.com. Some were also sold with commercial trucks, recreational vehicles and boats. Most cost between \$12 and \$50.

In one incident in 2014, the recall information said someone died when fire extinguishers failed to work following a car crash.

Approximately 391 failures have been reported, Kidde said. In addition to the one death, there are 16 reported injuries and 91 reports of property damage.

Customers are advised to contact Kidde for a replacement extinguisher. The company has set up a hotline at (855)271-0773, which is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday. Customers can also contact the company online at Kidde.com.

Model numbers can be found on the fire extinguisher label and manufacturing dates are found in a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom.

Plastic-handle models produced between January 1, 1973 and October 25, 2015

2A40BC	FC Super
6 RAP	FC210R-C8S
6 TAP	Fire Away 10BC Spanish
Ademco 720 1A10BC	Fire Away 1A10BC Spanish
Ademco 722 2A40BC	Fire Away 2A40BC Spanish
ADT 3A40BC	Fireaway 10 (F-10)
All Purpose 2A40BC	Fireaway 10BC
Bicentennial RPS-2 10BC	Fireaway 110 (F-110)
Bicentennial TPS-2 1A-10BC	Fireaway 1A10BC
Costco 340	Fireaway 240 (F-240)
FA 340HD	Fireaway 2A40BC
FA240HD	Force 9 2A40BC

FC 340Z	FS 340Z
Fuller 420 1A10BC	Kidde 40BC
Fuller Brush 420 1A10BC	Kidde RPS-1 10BC
FX210	Kidde RPS-1 40BC
FX210R	Kidde TPS-1 1A10BC
FX210W	Kidde TPS-1 2A40BC
FX340GW	KX 2-1/2 TCZ
FX340GW-2	Mariner 10BC
FX340H	Mariner 1A10BC
FX340SC	Mariner 2A40BC
FX340SC-2	Mariner M-10 10BC
Gillette 1A10BC	Mariner M-110 1A10BC
Gillette TPS-1 1A10BC	Mariner M-240 2A40BC
Home 10BC	Master Protection 2A40BC
Home 1A10BC	Montgomery Ward 10BC
Home 2A40BC	Montgomery Ward 1A-10BC
Home H-10 10BC	Montgomery Ward 8627 1A10BC
Home H-110 1A10BC	Montgomery Ward 8637 10BC
Home H-240 2A-40BC	Quell 10BC
Honeywell 1A10BC	Quell 1A10BC
Honeywell TPS-1 1A10BC	Quell RPS-1 10BC
J.L. 2A40BC	Quell TPS-1 1A10BC
J.L. TPS-1 2A40BC	Quell ZRPS 5BC
Kadet 2RPS-1 5BC	Sams SM 340
Kidde 10BC	Sanford 1A10BC
Kidde 1A10BC	Sanford 2A40BC
Kidde 2A40BC	Sanford TPS-1 1A10BC

Sanford TPS-1 2A40BC	Traveler T-240 2A40BC
Sears 2RPS 5BC	Volunteer 1A10BC
Sears 58033 10BC	Volunteer TPS-V 1A10BC
Sears 58043 1A10BC	XL 2.5 TCZ
Sears 5805 2A40BC	XL 2.5 TCZ-3
Sears 958034	XL 2.5 TCZ-4
Sears 958044	XL 2.75 RZ
Sears 958054	XL 2.75 RZ-3
Sears 958075	XL 2-3/4 RZ
Sears RPS-1 10BC	XL 340HD
Sears TPS-1 1A10BC	XL 4 TXZ
Sears TPS-1 2A40BC	XL 5 PK
Traveler 10BC	XL 5 TCZ
Traveler 1A10BC	XL 5 TCZ-1
Traveler 2A40BC	XL5 MR
Traveler T-10 10BC	XL 6 RZ
Traveler T-110 1A10BC	

Plastic-handle models with date codes between January 2, 2012 and August 15, 2017

AUTO FX5 II-1	FC110
FA10G	FC5
FA10T	FS10
FA110G	FS110
FA5-1	FS5
FA5G	FX10K
FC10	FX5 II

H5G	M110GM
H110G	M5G
M10G	M5GM
M10GM	RESSP
M110G	

Push Button Pindicator Models manufactured between August 11, 1995 and September 22, 2017

KK2	M5PM
100D	AUTO 5FX
210D	AUTO 5FX-1
M5P	FF 210D-1

SOURCE: Kidde press release

Entertainment Center Update, 2006 ALFA Gold #4078

From Dave Rampa

Most of us have already updated parts of our entertainment systems, mostly the TVs. I had long ago replaced the boat anchor up front with a 32" Vizio flat screen TV and the kitchen TV with a smaller modern flat screen Sanyo. The bedroom TV was still the original flat screen that Alfa Leisure was installing in 2006. It was also in serious need of updating. And who uses VHS tapes these days! Time to get rid of that boat anchor as well. So here's what I set out to do:

- Remove the front TV and put it on a motorized lift in the cabinet behind the couch in the big slide; I find the TV up front is too high for comfortable viewing;
- remove J-lounge and replace with a couple of wall-hugger La-Z-Boy recliners (nicely lined up with the new TV in the big slide);
- remove kitchen TV; I've never used it since I updated it;
- update the old bedroom TV with a modern HD flat screen TV;
- maintain coax connections to all devices except the main TV in the slide (too hard to get coax to that one!); that requires a modulator to convert video and HDMI to coax on channel 3 or 4;
- convert everything to allow operation on HD (high definition) with HDMI connections;

- provide for HDMI switching to allow selection of different sources for the 2 remaining TVs (basement TV is long gone, but I still have functioning coax going to the basement location);
- provide for OTA (over-the-air) TV reception with built-in tuner (and a PVR function);
- integrate the satellite receiver into the switching arrangement as a signal source (the Sat receiver includes a PVR function);
- I kept the original Winegard coax switch (it provides power to the amplified OTA antenna and gives lots of flexibility for switching coax connections);
- in order to avoid running HDMI wires everywhere (especially to the slide), use wireless HDMI bridges for slide and bedroom;
- Convert the front TV location to a cabinet and equip it (and the old kitchen TV cabinet location) with matching oak doors;
- and finally, clean up all the wiring in the front entertainment area.

One added step I had not counted on was to repair the coax run to the back (bedroom) TV; there was no continuity from front to back any more. The break turned out to be in the side wall of the small driver's side slide and was not accessible for repair, so I had to run a new piece of coax from the bottom of the slide back wall up to the TV location in the top corner. Here is a link to all the pictures I took while installing this update:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-vujYArrhpc-tUEYC6DxlCTm13AZ4VHN>.

Next time, I'll go into some details on how I accomplished all this.



In the meantime, feel free to contact me for information. I've included a few pictures of the finished product below. Here's the entertainment center with all the bits installed and the new cabinet on its left. The cabinet replacing the TV doesn't have a door yet. The power bar on the left is for my



Internet and satellite aiming equipment in the cabinet to the left.



The picture above left shows the TV on the lift in the slide (image isn't full size). Note the HDMI wireless receiver on the slide wall edge at the top. The picture above shows the wider view of the front installation. Both HDMI wireless transmitters are visible (top middle is for the bedroom TV, far right is for the main slide TV). At the left is the TV in the bedroom (on the top corner of the small street-side slide). Note the HDMI cable and USB power cable under a fabric-covered 2" Velcro strip (fastens nicely to the ceiling). This

goes to the HDMI wireless receiver in front of the sliding door. For more pictures and detail, see the Google Drive link above.

The following connection summary identifies how the various pieces of equipment are interconnected. There are other options, depending on the equipment in use, but this is what I found most functional.

Winegard Video Distribution Switch (MODEL VS-0604/VS-6412)

Outputs:

1. Main TV - kitchen cabinet coax outlet
2. TV 2 - Bedroom
3. External TV - main bay coax outlet
4. To VCR – to ATSC Digital TV receiver/converter coax input (from OTA antenna)

Inputs:

1. Sat1 - connects to output of modulator from Shaw sat receiver
2. Sat2 [Aux] - connects to coax output of ATSC Digital TV receiver/converter for OTA antenna or modulator (either off-air or ATSC digital TV receiver/converter modulator output on Ch 3 or 4)
3. City Cable - CATV from connection in sewer bay
4. From VCR – not connected (coax stub with 75 Ohm resistor)
5. TV Antenna [OTA] – connection to amplified OTA antenna on roof

Notes:

1. Place impedance switch in 75 Ohm position if not using RCA output jacks (for video/audio)
2. Set Ch 3 or 4 modulator output channel as required based on local channels in use
3. Leave VCR pushbutton switch in ANT position (connects the VCR out to ATSC converter/tuner)

FosPower HDMI Matrix Switch

Outputs:

1. A – to DVDO Air3c HDMI transmitter #1 (to main TV in slide)
2. B – to DVDO Air3c HDMI transmitter #2 (to bedroom TV)
3. Audio RCA plugs – to radio aux audio input (to ceiling speakers) – only on “A” output

Inputs:

1. HDMI output from Shaw Direct satellite receiver
2. HDMI output from ATSC Digital TV receiver/converter
3. HDMI output from future Blu-Ray player
4. Not used at this time (maybe future computer output)

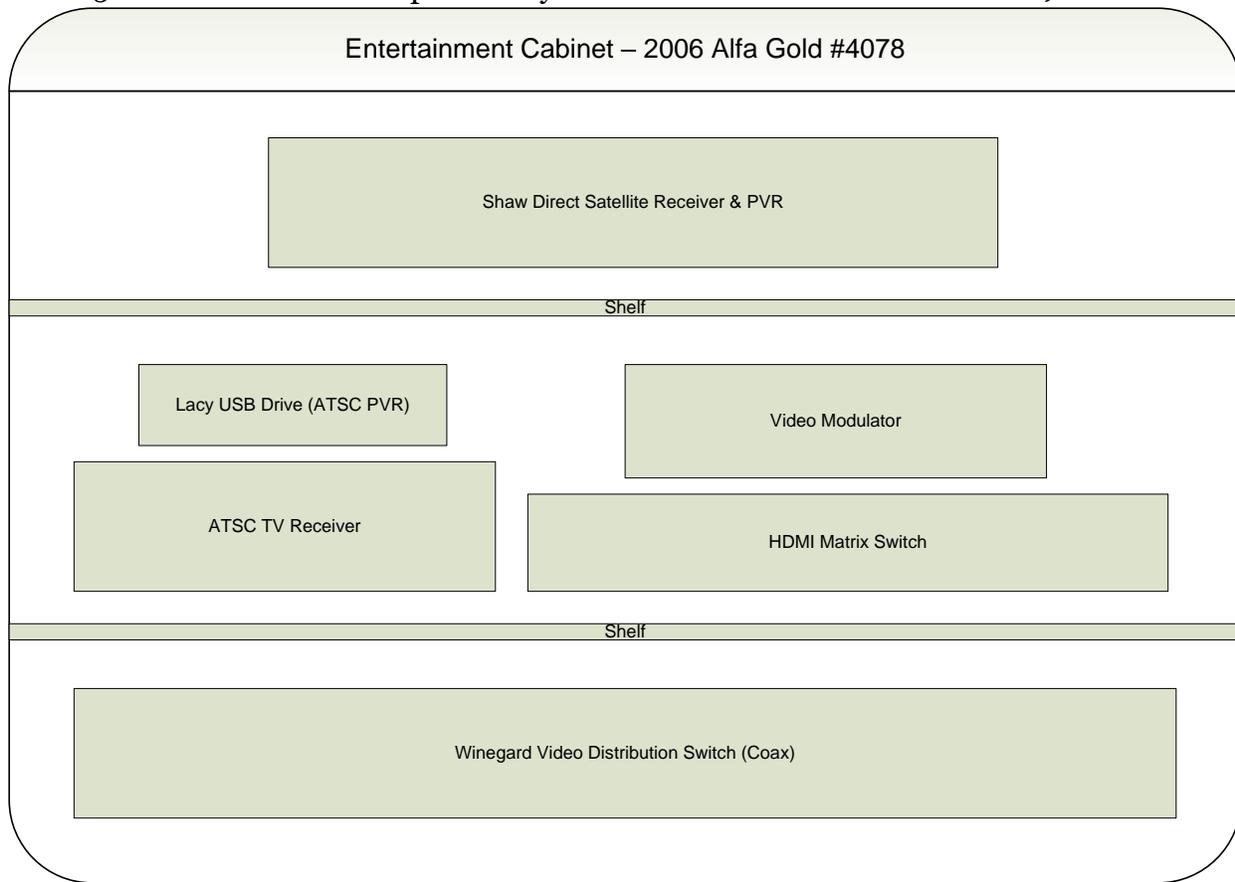
ATSC Digital TV Receiver/Converter

Outputs:

1. HDMI – to HDMI matrix switch input #1
2. RF out – Ch 3 or 4 modulator output (pass-through when powered off)
3. Coaxial digital audio – not used
4. L/R audio (RCA audio outputs) - not used
5. Y/Pb/Pr (Component video output) – not used
6. Video (Composite video output) – not used

Inputs:

1. Antenna – connected to VCR output of Winegard switch (this is done so that the switch can power the OTA antenna's internal amplifier)
2. USB connector – connects to external USB disk drive for PVR function (I used a LaCie 500 GB external drive previously used on a Bell TV satellite receiver)



There's enough room on the top shelf for a DVD (Blu-Ray?) player when I get around to adding one. Or it will fit in one of the shelves above the driver (left of the old TV location).

NEWS FROM OUR FELLOW ROADRUNNERS

From Frank and Deanna Jones

Hello Alfa Friends,

We stayed in Kansas City area most of summer so not much to report. A friend & Deanna went to Omaha, NE for a few days for girl get away & see some of the sites. Omaha seems nice. In April, we went to Sioux Falls, SD to get our licenses renewed. We took my 25 year old grandson with us. We enjoyed going to the Falls Park this time. Very pretty pink quartz & small rapids/creek running over rocks. We also went by & saw the new location for Alternate Resources/Dakota Post.

We are heading west 11/7/2017 towards AZ in near future. First we are going to stop at Abilene & tour Eisenhower library & maybe see a couple of other sites & than head to Wichita, KS to see some sites. Then we are going to Santa Fe, NM for a few days. We will head to Mesa, AZ & have reservations this year for December in nice RV park. I hope to see my great niece & nephew & their families. We also hope to see some friends while there & go to the Heard Native American Museum & maybe the MIM.

We will spend January through March at nice park in Tucson & have reservations. So I am hoping to participate in activities more this year & not struggle with finding places so much like we did in FL last winter. Last year turned out to be quite stressful moving around like we usually do & I nearly burnt out. We do plan on going to Quartzsite for Rally & looking forward to seeing everyone.

Have good holidays & travel safely. See you in January. If you come to Mesa area or Tucson also, call us to get together. Deanna/Frank Jones Alfa 2002 #70370 [816-519-8191](tel:816-519-8191)

From MaryAnn and Ray Balzer

Our summer 2017 travels, or 'taking the long way around' to Rapid City South Dakota. Ray and MaryAnne adventured out from the Annual Rally in Tucson further south in Arizona to Benson and the Butterfield RV Resort and Observatory. Run by self described 'astronerds' Butterfield is a great place to headquarter to visit Karchner Caverns, Amerind Archaeology Foundation and some beautiful scenery in that corner of the state. And be sure to take in the free star show at the observatory!

From Southern Arizona we ventured into the southern half of New Mexico. So much to see and do in NM!! We fit in visiting Silver City, then Carlsbad Caverns twice and also Guadalupe National Park. Roswell and little green men beckoned at the Alien Museum. Alamogordo and White Sands and the Museum of Space were next. Moving on we enjoyed the Norman Petty recording studio museum in Clovis—the studio where Buddy Holly recorded all his hit music. Clovis also has a terrific rock and roll museum!

From there we ventured along highway 385 through the very eastern edge of Colorado with visits to Bent's Old Fort and the Sand Creek Massacre site. Next along our

wandering route were the many sites to see and visit in the Western Nebraska panhandle. MaryAnne checked off a 'must see' box during a visit to Carhenge outside Alliance NE. We finally wandered north to our domicile location in Rapid City and stayed for some weeks enjoying the area and taking care of business.

Leaving SD we headed diagonally (well mostly) across Wyoming including a brief visit to the Tetons-Yellowstone area. Then we headed south through Utah, visiting a while in Salt Lake City before heading through Kanab UT, Lake Powell and back to our winter resort in Sun City AZ

Arriving back, Ray has finally had his right ankle total replacement surgery and is learning to walk with the new joint. It has been years in the planning and we are hopeful the appliance will give him as much pain free living as possible. Hopefully, recovery will be complete enough for us to adventure out in summer 2018, for parts as yet to be determined. Sadly, no Quartzsite this year, but see you there next year!

From Bob and Denise Gray

We had an interesting trip around Indiana and Kentucky with Bob doing some Genealogy research in Kentucky and meeting up with a 3rd cousin, who he had never met. Our trip through Minnesota involved several trying times, from a tornado warning and getting hit by a microburst, to getting stuck in the mud in a fairgrounds, having the radiator on the generator break, and un-expectantly having to purchase new tires. We really were glad to leave Minnesota behind!

We enjoyed our time in North Dakota, and highly recommend a visit to Theodore Roosevelt NP. That turned out to be the highlight of our summer. We are taking time to sit this winter in Sun City AZ, after traveling for 19 months straight!

Mexican Border Crossing Information

On the next page are the new guidelines for items you are able to take across the Mexican border. Thank you to Susan and Dale Prichard for this valuable information!

Declare Agriculture items Regardless where you brought them.

APHIS

Factsheet

Plant Protection and Quarantine

October 2012

Mexican Land Border Import Guide: Agricultural Items for Personal Use

Are you crossing the border from Mexico into the United States? If so, are you carrying any meats, fruits, vegetables, living plant material, soil, live animals, or plant and animal products? Be aware of such items because you may unknowingly be carrying damaging plant and animal pests and diseases that pose a major threat to U.S. food crops and livestock.

As a traveler, you must declare upon entry into the United States any agricultural items to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Failure to declare agricultural items contained in your baggage, hand luggage, or vehicle—regardless of origin—may cause travel delays and result in spot fines in excess of \$1,000.

The following is a partial list of fruits and vegetables that are allowed entry into the United States from Mexico for personal consumption, **but only after they have passed inspection and have been found free of any pests or diseases:**

- Aloe vera leaves
- Avocados—without seeds (no avocados are admitted into California)
- Bananas
- Berries (blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, and strawberries)
- Cabbage
- Corn and corn smut galls
- Dates
- Garlic
- Grapes
- Herbs (cilantro, mint, rosemary, sage, and watercress)
- Jicama
- Lemons, Persian limes, and sour limes—all lemons/limes must be washed; no leaves or stems
- Lettuce and spinach
- Melons (cantaloupe, honeydew, and watermelon)
- Nuts (acorns, almonds, cocoa beans, chestnuts, coconuts [without husks or milk], peanuts, pecans, piñon [pinenut], and walnuts)
- Onions (including green onions and chives)
- Peppers (bell, chili, and jalapeno peppers; manzano peppers are **not** allowed)
- Pineapples
- Potatoes, yams, and sweet potatoes (cooked only)
- Prickly pears (nopales pad or tuna fruit; pitaya are **not** allowed)
- Sugarcane "chews"—peeled without nodes

- Tamarind bean pods
- Tomatoes and tomatillos

This list of admissible products is subject to change. For more information or for a complete list, please visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) online fruit and vegetable import requirements database at www.aphis.usda.gov/favir. Under the "Country" search, type "Mexico" and select a particular commodity for more information. Open the Commodity Import Report (CIR) to see the detailed import requirements for the item selected.

Live Plants and Seeds

Plants and seeds imported for propagation require a phytosanitary certificate from the Government of Mexico. The import of any soil is prohibited.

Meats and Animal Products

The following types of meats and animal products are allowed to be imported: canned shelf-stable pork, canned shelf-stable poultry, beef, and thoroughly cooked poultry. Other meats, animal products, animal trophies, and scientific or research samples may require an import permit, government certification, or transport to an APHIS-approved establishment for additional treatment to prevent the introduction of animal diseases. APHIS-approved establishments will treat materials against anthrax and other diseases.

Live Birds

To import pet or wild/game birds, please visit www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/ to obtain contact information for local USDA offices responsible for imported birds. All imported birds, including chickens, are subject to quarantine in a USDA facility.

Additional Information

Remember, you must declare all agricultural items, including fruits and vegetables, meat and animal products, live animals, plant and plant products, and seeds, even if the items are listed as admissible in this publication.

If you have any questions about importing a specific agricultural item into the United States, use the information below to contact an APHIS technical specialist:

For plants and plant products, including fruits and vegetables, call (301) 851-2046 or toll free at (877) 770-5990, or email permits@aphis.usda.gov.

For soil, live plant pests, biological control agents, or noxious weeds, call (866) 524-5421 or email pest.permits@aphis.usda.gov.

For animal products or byproducts, call (301) 851-3300 or email AskNCIE.Products@aphis.usda.gov.

In addition, APHIS' Web site contains a wealth of useful information for travelers at www.aphis.usda.gov/travel.

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This publication supersedes Program Aid No. 1466, "Mexican Land Border," which was originally published in March 2008.

ABQ International Balloon Fiesta 2017

Wow, if you missed our Alfa Roadrunner/Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (AIBF) Volunteer Rally you missed one heck of a good time! We had 17 recreational vehicles, 15 Alfas, one Alfa 5th Wheel and one other brand friend. We had two South Loafers and one Lonestar (several of these are now dual chapter members). We had 5 coaches return for a second visit and many planning to make it again next year. We had visits from family and friends during the course of our stay and volunteered in many areas, including Courtesy Shuttles, Propane Fueling, Merchandise, Gondola Club, Pilot Hospitality, Navigator Hospitality and more. Some of us got to take "Rides in the Sky" and/or assist balloonists as crew which involved helping with launch, chasing balloons around Albuquerque and assisting with the landings and loading of balloons.

Our parking spots were in a wonderful location for viewing from home. On a daily basis it was a hard decision to make about whether the launch field or home was going to be "the place to be" to experience this amazing event. And there was no right or wrong decisions here. However, I think that one thing that makes this event so special is that you, and many other people, have the opportunity to be on the field and up close as balloons are launched and during "nightly glows". The fact that there are so many balloons is also wonderful, approximately 550 balloonist from around the world, including traditional, racing and special shapes can be seen.

We were also fortunate this year to see the launch of the America's Challenge Gas balloons - 8 this year. These balloons are competing for distance and can be aloft 24/7 for several days. A new record was set this year with the winner landing north of our border.



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Below are a few comments from this year's attendees:

“We just wanted to thank you for all of your work as wagon masters at AIBF. We had a great time at AIBF.” Bill & Joan Weaver

“Karla and I had a wonderful time at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta where we drove golf carts shuttling spectators from parking lot to entrance and also all around the field. It is simply amazing to see the balloons all inflating and lifting off. Much better than seeing pictures. It is awesome to see the first time visitors and children's faces light up when they first see the balloons. “ Terry & Karla Noble

“Relearning the experience of RVing and the constant repairing of same. Renewing friendships and meeting new friends. Overall a great time. “ Bob & Barbara Goble

“Dear friends, we spent two wonderful weeks in New Mexico!” Rudy, Beate & Noah Gefeke

“Had a wonderful time with ya'll in ABQ! Looking forward to seeing everyone again, wherever that may be!” Linda and Jeff Venable

“Enjoyed meeting new friends and seeing old ones. ...” Dave & Jane Petersen

As always when two or more Alfa's are together, there were things to be fixed or ideas to be shared. There was much time to socialize with some potlucks and afternoon gatherings. And there was much dog walking and socializing amongst our four-legged family.

But never fear, you may have another chance....We are reserving spaces at both Enchanted RV and with AIBF for 2018. Again, this will be a volunteer rally so at least one person per motorhome must be willing to put in volunteer hours for AIBF in one of more than 40 areas of interest during the event.

The dates for next year's rally will be Oct. 3rd to Oct. 14, 2018. This is a dry camping event while at Fiesta grounds. We are looking for Wagon Masters for this event. There will be assistance in planning from past participants if desired. Please consider joining us and also taking on this leadership role. For more info on either, feel free to contact me at rvgrandma01@gmail.com or Becky Godfrey at godfreybj@comcast.net.

Susan Prichard, AIBF Wagon Master 2017

QUARTZSITE 2018

Alfa Roadrunner 2018 Quartzsite Rally

Arrival Date: January 19, 2018 Departure Date: January 29, 2018



Where: LaPosa North BLM, just South of QZ on Hwy 93. East side. Sign in at the host station. The fee is \$40 for up to 14 days of dry camping. After registering with the BLM, follow the Alfa Roadrunner signs about 2 miles to the campsite location where you can park. If you need assistance parking let us know. Following is a link including maps and coordinates.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p7ShiWWScaIwlx8OtFTB6DiwCojXphEHFTn6SLUkadM/edit?usp=sharing_eil&ts=59fdca81

Schedule: John and Leigh Gushea have volunteered to help with rally registration. Their coach will be clearly marked. They will provide you with a "soft" schedule and you will be able to give them your registration form (that can be found at the end of this newsletter) plus \$20 each person rally fee. (If you don't have the registration form, no worries, Leigh and John will have extras). The 1st night the Wagon Masters and Assistants will provide a taco salad and dessert supper. We will also hold a first rally meeting around supper time for introductions, ideas and rally planning.

What to bring: (This is only the basic supply list for the rally)

- Empty black and gray tanks (After paying your BLM Camping fees you can use the Water and Dump Stations located South of LaPosa North off of Hwy. 93 at LaPosa South BLM for no charge. There is also a place in town that will charge a fee)
- Full water, diesel and propane.
- Firewood, at least three bundles (available for purchase in QZ, sometimes we consolidate with a few friends and get a good price)
- Your own tableware for all meals such as cups, plates, napkins and silverware

Please RSVP via email to Wagon Masters Dwight and Sharon Tisdale (sharontisdalern@gmail.com) or Dale and Susan Prichard (rvgrandma01@gmail.com) **no later than January 8, 2018** to let us know if you plan to attend. Include the number of attendees in your party by name and your phone number. This rally is open to all Alfa owners and friends (some other brands). Indicate if your phone number is voice only or if you can receive and send TEXT messages. The registration form can be brought with you and turned in at the rally. Extra blank registration forms will be available at the rally if needed.

AOC Rally 2018

Save the Dates!

Dates: April 10 to April 16, 2018

Location: Golden Village Palms RV Resort, Hemet CA

Wagon Masters: Jim and Vonnie Beard, Jimbeard1401@gmail.com

Co-Wagon Masters: Craig and Nancy McDowell, craig12412@gmail.com,
nancy12412@gmail.com

Roadrunner Pre-Rally April 5 to April 9, 2018. Rally Masters Jim Godfrey and Chris Mooney.

GET-TOGETHERS

Casa Grande

Hey all Alfa Owners in, near or passing through Casa Grande, AZ we are having a breakfast at Mimi's Cafe, Winery Room at 9 am on Nov. 17th, 2017. (east of I-10 at Florence Blvd exit). Hoping to make this a monthly event for the winter season so join us and give your input on planning. Let's make this a good turnout and build some new friendships and rekindle old friendships. Send me a private message at rvgrandma01 AT [gmail.com](mailto:rvgrandma01@gmail.com) if you will be joining us so we can alert Mimi's to possible attendance.

Mesa AZ

MOAB (Mesa Owners Alfa Breakfast) will be Saturday, February 13th, March 12, and April 9 (for those not at the AOC rally!), at the Golden Corral located on Power Rd and McKellips Rd in Mesa, AZ, 85205 starting at 8:30 am. Please wear your Alfa red shirts or your Park name tags. If you have any questions please call John Filipczak: [612-965-5762](tel:612-965-5762) or email me: johntsr641@gmail.com

Phoenix Westside Alfa Group

The third Wednesday of each month all year, 8:30 AM at Tivoli Gardens. Located at 12535 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ 85374. Contact Linda Rees 623-236-4061, or lindar@outdrs.net

Yuma, AZ

The Yuma Alfa Owners Breakfast is the second Monday of the month, November through April. All Alfa owners, past owners, and want-to-be's are invited. It's a great time to meet and greet, catch up on the goings on, and discuss the care and feeding of Alfa MH's and Fifth-wheels.

The Yuma Alfa breakfasts are held at the Copper Miner Restaurant (formerly Mi Fajita Restaurant), 11375 Foothills Blvd., Yuma, AZ. (The restaurant is under new ownership and management. They offer the breakfast special that a lot of folks like.)

If you're in the area we hope you'll join us for the breakfast. If you have questions or need directions please give us a call. And please pass the word.

Mel and Judi Kirkland '03 SeeYa 40', towing '15 Caddy SRX [928-342-7374](tel:928-342-7374)

FROM THE EDITOR

The next newsletter deadline will be February 10, but you can send me articles whenever you want and I will keep them for the next newsletter.

Suggested ideas:

- What you have been up to!
- Interesting places that you have visited.
- Great RV parks where you have stayed!
- Tech issues

Denise rvtreking@gmail.com.

Quartzsite registration form is on next page!

Alfa Roadrunners Quartzsite Rally – Jan. 19 – 28th, 2018

Co-Wagon Masters: Dwight & Sharon Tisdale 308-235-520

E-mail: sharontisdalern@gmail.com

Asst-Wagon Masters: Dale & Susan Prichard 480-495-4645

E-mail: rvgrandma01@gmail.com

LOCATION: La Posa North BLM area (just south of Quartzsite Big Tent, east side of road) – After stopping at Ranger Station to register and pay BLM fee of \$40 for up to 2 week stay, follow Alfa Roadrunner signs to our campsite.

Registration Deadline: Jan 8th, 2018 (to assist Wagon Master's with planning). However, last minute attendees are always welcome. RSVP by text or e-mail to Sharon or Susan and bring this completed form to Rally.

Names: _____

First Timer Rally Attendee? Yes _____

Phone1: _____ Phone2: _____

Can we text you with Rally info or updates prior to and during the Rally? Yes _____

Email1: _____

Email2: _____

You will be paying your Wagon Master fees upon arrival. Please seek out Leigh Gushea to do so and to complete volunteer and potluck sign ups. Fee includes Welcome Dinner, daily breakfast selections and more....There will be NO shortened stay or reduced fees. Wagon Master Fee: \$20.00 per person. We do not have final figures on meals, etc. yet. As planning progresses and we know more about details, if it appears fees will be higher we will let you know as soon as possible. As we did last year, if costs run lower than expected we will refund any excess OR _____ donate any excess fee to the charity of choice for Sheriff's Dinner fines/fees. (check if you elect this option)

Alfa Roadrunner Quartzsite Rally is a social event hosted by the Alfa Roadrunner Club. 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: _____