

# Welcome to the 2012 Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally

Hello! I am Larry York. Shirley and I are your 2012 AOC Rally Masters.

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 donuts 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 will also have access to Rally activities which include: craft classes (there **may be an additional fee** collected at the Rally **for specific classes**), seminars, vendors, pool aerobics and 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 including taxes. Note that this rate will be good for five days prior to and after the Rally provided the dates are attached to the Rally dates. If you want to arrive prior to the Rally and/or stay after the Rally, you should make those arrangements direct with the 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.
  - Non-Chapter Member – additional fee for attendees who are not currently members of one of the six Alfa Owners' Club Chapters. For those who join a Chapter prior to 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 2012 Rally Patches – for those would like additional Rally patches over the two that are included with your registration fee.

We will have a **golf tournament** during the Rally. As soon as it is set-up we will provide you the cost to participate in the tournament and ask if you will participate or not prior to the Rally. Fees will be collected at the welcome desk when you arrive at the Rally.

We also plan on having a vendor on-site for rig/vehicle washes and waxes. Those who want their rig and/or tow/towed vehicle washed or washed and waxed can sign-up and pay at the welcome desk when you arrive.

In addition, we **MAY** have additional on- off-site activities that may require a fee. In the event we do offer additional activities, we will have sign-up sheet(s) at the welcome desk and any fees will be paid when you sign-up.

Alfateers RV Service Center will also be on-site to provide service and selected installations during the Rally. **Separate sign-up and information/price sheets are attached for those that need service or want something new installed or replaced on their rig.** I urge you to sign-up as soon as possible as their work schedule gets full quickly.

This year's Rally theme is "Mining for Gold". Therefore, it is fitting that the location of our Rally is at the Canyon Vistas RV Resort (a Cal-AM Resort) located in Gold Canyon, AZ.

Gold Canyon is an unincorporated community located about 40 minutes east of the Phoenix Sky Harbor airport at the foot of the beautiful Superstition Mountains - supposedly the site of the Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine.

The community is sometimes incorrectly called Gold Camp.

Gold Canyon is a community made up of year-round residents as well as seasonal "snow-birds/winter visitors" who come to the Gold Canyon area to escape the snow and cold of the areas they migrate from. Today they see a number of Canadians and Europeans escaping their cold weather months as well.

There are four golf courses in the immediate area as well as several award-winning golf courses close by. There are hiking trails as well as walking and biking paths. Desert wildlife abounds in the area.



For some trivia - It was one of the filming locations for HBO's 1994 film *Blind Justice*, and the scenery photos from the beginning of the film *The Three Amigos* are from Gold Canyon, not Mexico as it is known. The mountain shown is part of the Superstition Mountains, shown from a view point in Gold Canyon.

This former cattle ranch is now home to more than 23,000 residents in an unincorporated area of Pinal County. With phenomenal weather, unmatched scenery and small-town hospitality, Gold Canyon lives up to its reputation as the lost gold of Superstition Mountain.

A variety of exciting events are held in Gold Canyon and the Superstition Mountain area throughout the year. The Superstition Mountain Country Club hosts the Safeway LPGA Invitational Golf Tournament every year in February. Arizona's only Renaissance Festival comes every spring and boasts attendance figures into the hundreds of thousands over the two-month event.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, (the Saturday during our Rally) Gold Canyon will be holding their annual Spring Fling from 12-3 pm. They will have an antique auto show, food, games, and booths.

Gold Canyon shoppers have a variety of shops to choose from. Local art galleries feature artist Bev Doolittle's work, and works by the very popular Arizona native, Anne Coe, can be found in multiple galleries as well. The restaurant at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort offers the finest Southwest cuisine and boasts Chef Enrique Morales, who studied under Southwest cooking guru, Mark Miller.

Restaurants with nearly every cuisine imaginable are plentiful in Gold Canyon. Specialty cuisines such as Asian and Southwestern combine with American, Italian, and Mexican favorites. From gourmet establishments to rustic old west grills, Gold Canyon's tempting restaurants include eateries rich in history and a wide variety of locally owned favorites. Take the time to savor the richness of the unforgettable cuisine combined with the breathtaking beauty of Gold Canyon.

Hiking trails abound throughout the Gold Canyon area. Over 350 miles of improved trails exist in the adjacent Tonto National Forest. The forest is home to the Superstition Mountain's famous Flat Iron, a towering peak of over 5,000 feet that overlooks the entire city of Phoenix.

Explore the history of the Superstition Mountains and the Lost Dutchman State Park. Nature trails, horseback trails, picnic facilities, and a variety of educational programs are held throughout the year.

Nearby attractions include:

**Superstition Mountain Museum.** This museum collects, preserves and displays the artifacts, history and folklore of the Superstition Mountains, nearby Apache Junction and the surrounding region. Perhaps nowhere in the entire United States is there an area full of legend, history and intrigue as the rugged 160,000 acre Superstition Mountain range in Central Arizona. Archeological evidence indicates that people were here some 9000 years ago. Later inhabitants included the Salado, Hohokam and Apache Indians, followed by Spanish explorers and Mexican Gold Miners. Early American trappers and



adventurers migrated to the area and were soon followed by cattlemen and farmers. Eventually, the U.S. Cavalry was sent in to establish forts to protect this rapidly growing population. As modern times approached, men and women began searching for what they believed was the richest gold mine in the world. This mine was made famous by Jacob Waltz, known as "the Dutchman", who took the secret of "his mine" to the grave in 1891. Even today, treasure hunters scour the mountains searching for the Lost Dutchman Mine, but now they share the region with campers, hikers, horseback riders and conservationists in what has officially become the Superstition Wilderness Area. The 12 acre Museum site offers untold photo opportunities with it's reproductions of 19th Century businesses including a Wells Fargo office, stage coach stop, barber shop, assay office and other displays of authentic relics of the 1800's. Well marked nature walks crisscross the areas surrounding the buildings, all located at the base of the West Wall of the beautiful Superstition Mountain.....a one of a kind location. The museum is also known for the Elvis Presley Memorial Chapel (the chapel utilized in the Elvis Presley movie *Charro*), and the Apache Land Barn.

**Champlin Fighter Museum.** This museum is an aircraft museum located at Mesa, Arizona. It specialized in World War I and World War II fighters.

**Heard Museum.** This museum is unique, however, not only in the exhibits that are displayed, but the style and grace with which it displays them. There are more than 32,000 pieces of cultural and fine art. Also, there are permanent exhibits, like the famous Barry Goldwater collection of Kachina Dolls, as well as special exhibit year-round.

**Desert Botanical Garden.** This garden has one of the world's finest collections of desert plants. It is one of only 44 botanical gardens accredited by the American Association of Museums. At the Desert Botanical Garden you will find 50 acres of beautiful outdoor exhibits. Home to 139 rare, threatened and endangered plant species from around the world, there is no finer place to enjoy desert beauty than the Desert Botanical Garden. The Garden is located in Papago Park in Central Phoenix.

**Scottsdale Art Walk.** There are more than 100 art galleries in Scottsdale. You can enjoy Scottsdale ArtWalks every Thursday evening, year-round (except Thanksgiving) from 7 - 9 p.m. Each week, Scottsdale Gallery Association members host special exhibits - many with artist receptions - and join together for an informal come-and-go "open house" throughout the district. Casual and eclectic, it's a great time to visit the galleries and learn about featured artists. Several times per year, the Scottsdale Gallery Association holds Special Event ArtWalks with live music along the streets and special themed events.



**Boyce Thompson Arboretum.** The Boyce Thompson Arboretum brings together plants from the Earth's many and varied deserts and dry lands. Approximately 3,200 different desert plants can be found within the arboretum, and most of them can be seen along the 1.5 mile main trail. During wildflower season, the Boyce Thompson Arboretum is especially beautiful, displaying all the wonderful colors of the desert. Are you a bird lover? More than 250 species of birds have been recorded at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

**Phoenix Zoo.** The Phoenix Zoo is one of the younger zoos in the country. Not only is it a successful zoo, but it is a privately owned, nonprofit zoo. That means that it operates strictly without any government funding. The Phoenix Zoo is totally supported by donors and private organizations. Recognizing the important role that zoos must play, the Phoenix Zoo has been very active in wildlife conservation programs. The Phoenix Zoo is open every single day of the year, including December 25th.

**Drive Apache Trail.** The Apache Trail will be one of the most memorable drives you'll ever take. Your adventure will begin in Apache Junction. The 46 miles between Apache Junction and Roosevelt Lake provides for a scenic drive. Along the way, you'll pass (or you can stop) at the Lost Dutchman State Park, Goldfield Ghost Town, Saguaro Lake, the Canyon Lake Recreation Area, the Theodore Roosevelt Dam site, and the Tonto National Monument. The Apache Trail has been designated a USFS Scenic Byway by the U.S. Forest Service, as well as an Arizona Scenic Historic Byway. It's a great day trip! The Apache Trail was constructed in the 1930s to support the development of dams along the Salt River. If you enjoy driving, Apache Trail is a fun trip. Little known tidbit: test drivers from General Motors Proving Grounds used to use the Apache Trail to test tires and vehicle maneuverability.

**Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art.** The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art focuses on modern and contemporary art, architecture and design. There are five galleries that showcase changing exhibitions and works from the Museum's growing permanent collection. The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art features an outdoor sculpture garden. The Museum presents a variety of educational programs and special events for adults and families, including lectures, docent-led tours, workshops and classes

**South Mountain Park.** At over 16,000 acres, South Mountain Park and Preserve often is considered the largest municipal park in the country. There are more than 50 miles of trails for horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking. Dobbins Lookout, at 2,330 feet, is the highest point in the park accessible by trail. If you aren't into hiking, biking or riding, you can simply drive to Dobbins Point to get a fantastic view of the Valley of the Sun. It's just over 5 miles from Central Avenue to Dobbins Lookout.

**Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West.** A few miles northeast of Scottsdale, Arizona there is a living memorial to a great American architect. Nestled in the foothills of the rugged McDowell Mountains and surrounded by the spectacular Sonoran Desert lays a sprawling complex called Taliesin West. It was designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright. Taliesin West today houses The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, The Frank Lloyd Wright Memorial Foundation, and The Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. To get the full impact and understanding of the project and the man, I recommend you take one of the tours.



**Shop at Scottsdale Fashion Square.** Scottsdale is known for many things, and shopping is one of them. A list like this would not be complete without a recommendation for a shopping destination. There are newer malls in the greater Phoenix area, but none are as appealing as Scottsdale Fashion Square.

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April 12 – April 17, 2012

## Canyon Vistas RV Resort

6601 East Highway 60  
Gold Canyon, AZ 85118  
**Phone:** (480) 288-8844  
**Fax:** (480) 648-5590  
**Web Site:** <http://www.canyonvistasrv.com>

## Rally Masters:

Larry and Shirley York  
1211 Heather Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
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**E-mail:** [lyork6@cox.net](mailto:lyork6@cox.net)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Membership(s) (if a member):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Which Chapter would you like to park with?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type and Size Alfa:** 5th Wheel: \_\_\_ Motor Home: \_\_\_ Length of Rig: \_\_\_\_\_ **First-Timer:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional People's Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: (2 people per Alfa rig)	\$145.00
Park Fee: (6 nights at \$26.93 - includes tax)	\$161.58
Ladies' Luncheon: \$10.00 ea X _____	\$ _____
<b>Non-Chapter Member Fee*:</b> \$25.00 per rig	\$ _____
Additional People: \$70.00 ea X _____	\$ _____
Extra 2012 Rally Patches: \$5.00 ea X _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL Payable to "Arthur L. York"</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Please send your check for the total amount due, payable to "Arthur L. York" (include "2012 AOC Rally" on the memo line) with the completed registration form to:**

**Larry and Shirley York  
1211 Heather Drive  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635**

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

**RALLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Checks and Registration forms must be received no later than: **January 31, 2012.**

**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 of \$26.93 per night applies to all days before and all days 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 Canyon Vistas RV Resort.**

The Alfa Owners' Club Annual Rally is a **Social Event** hosted by the Alfa Owners' Club. **Attendees must be staying at the Resort in an Alfa RV.**

Alfa Owners' Club **REFUND** Policy: The Rally Master shall, upon request, refund moneys to the individual requesting it, providing the moneys have not already been disbursed.

### SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAKE SECOND COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**