

Feb 2007 Newsletter



Roadrunner News

Alfa Owners Club

Roadrunner Chapter

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President's Letter

Quartzsite Campout was a great success. Our Thanks to the Wagon Masters Dan & Arlene Harris, along with their helpers, Gene & Penny Ryder, George & Ann Mallow, provided great food, good coffee, & campfires (morning & night) to keep toasty by.

NATIONAL RALLY Reminders:

Best advice here is to re-read your current ALFA SUN NEWSLETTER, Pre-Rally Edition, dated October, 2006 Pat Benson The National Board Secretary, has covered the most important points & what to expect from an ALFA National Rally.

Below are a few chapter items of business:

- 1. Gifts for Chapter Basket...Remember to bring one. Keep in mind our storage is small. Suggestion made to collect donations \$5.00 - \$10.00 & chapter purchase one or two large items as our basket to be drawn for at Dealer/Awards night dinner.*
 - 2. Will need a committee of two to collect gifts or donations & assemble or purchase same for Chapter.*
 - 3. Chapter Colors...The Roadrunners are Red, White & Blue. Red is the shirt or vest, if vest worn need White shirt. Blue is the pants, shorts or skirts. Prefer Denim.*
 - 4. VESTS - see end of newsletter.*
 - 5. Red Shirts- Roadrunner Chapter Shirts will be available for purchase at the Pre-Rally & National Rally on a first come bases Sizes 2x & larger need to be special ordered. Please e-mail Dori weisstedybear1@aol.com or call 775-720-1135. ASAP to order. She will re-stock inventory within the next month.*
 - 6. Chapter Dinner - Thursday, April 19th will be a catered dinner. Cost will be appx. \$10.00 - \$15.00 per couple. After dinner will be a short chapter business meeting, includes election of chapter officers. Please step forward & volunteer. Contact the nominating committee: (see under "Business")*
- ***YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU!!!***

God Bless & Travel Safe, We will see you at the Pre-Rally & if not there, at the National,

Tom & Dori

National Board

RALLY 2007, View Point RV Park, Mesa AZ.

The following is a brief summary of the fall meeting regarding the Alfa Nation Rally. The meeting was turned over to Rally Master (Bill & Bobbi Kelton) for a report on Rally 2007 plans.

Don't forget registration fees were raised to \$75.00.

Dogs attending the rally must be tagged. \$5.00/dog for the week. This is a park regulation. There will be golf and bowling at the Rally. Golf will be on site and bowling at an alley near the park.

Each Chapter will have an empty site for their happy hours. Wagon master and chapter representative will each be parked on either side of the empty site.

Early arrival or staying late must be taken care of with the park, NOT THE WAGONMASTER.

All sites are back-ins. They are all the same size. Utilities are located at the back of each site.

Have plenty of sewer and water hoses. The park has telephone jacks for each space. Site number will be your phone number. Attendee will be assigned a site before they arrive. No changes!

Garth and Jackie Thomas. National Board Representatives

Business

Membership Dues:

The time has arrived again. Please send your dues of \$10.00 to Dori Weissman, 150 Rainbow Dr. # 5038, Livingston, TX. 77399.

Dori would prefer you mail them to her if possible or as a last resort she will collect at Pre-National.

Nominating Committee:

We have a slate of officers, except editor, to present at the pre-rally business meeting. However, we are still accepting nominees for; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and Editor. It is very important that we have someone step forward for editor.

The newsletter is our major written communication to all of our members. If you have an interest in being the editor and are computer literate and have Internet access or are interested in any of the other positions, please notify the nominating committee.;

The Nomination Committee;

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Proposed Bylaw Amendments.

A committee was formed by the President to review the bylaws and propose updates. The proposal will be presented to the membership for acceptance at the Alfa National Rally. The proposal is attached at the end of this newsletter for your review.

[Please click this link to view the by-laws proposal.](#)

Rally and Camp Out Reports

Quartzsite: Alfa Rally 2007

The rally started with 29 rigs in attendance on a cold and windy Sunday. Great to see old friends and new Alfa owners. We countered the cold with a Wagon Masters chili and bread stick dinner, a roaring fire and lots of great talk.

Donuts, muffins and sweet rolls from the Quartzsite bakery were served each morning. The coffee masters, George and Ann Mallow made coffee and started a fire each day.

Days were left open for shopping at the Big Tent or swap meets. Happy hour began at 4:00 PM each day. Breakfast in a bag was a huge success, 2 wiener roasts and a hamburger cookout. A Hobo beef stew dinner was held on Thursday night and everyone participated. Gene and Penny Ryder our Assistant Wagon Masters were in charge and did a "stirring" job in the big pot.

Saturday night the Sheriff's pot luck dinner was a huge success. Our Sheriffs Ted and Nancy Jacobs fined everyone for a multitude of sins. One morning all the chairs disappeared. None other than our own Mrs. Sheriff, Nancy Jacobs and her dubious friend Janice Farnham tried to corner the market on chairs. Unknown to the Ryder's their motor home became a hideout. If you didn't get your chairs back, send a bill to Ted Jacobs.

Water runs were made by your Wagon Master and Assistant and Ol'Blue took care of dumping.

A fun time was had by all and since this was such an enjoyable and laid back event, we have decided to take it on again with Co-Wagon Masters Gene and Penny Ryder along with coffee guru's George and Ann Mallow.

Our hats off to everyone in attendance you made our jobs so easy. Thanks for the water and firewood for the bon-fire every night. The sunrises and sunsets were worth the trip.

See you next year, dates for 2008 are Jan 21st thru Jan 26th, plan your calendar.

Wagon Masters,

Dan and Arlene Harris

[Check the Roadrunner web site for pictures.](#)

Future Events

The Pre Alfa National Rally:

We are in the final stages of organizing the pre-rally. We have 35 (WOW) rigs registered. We will be accepting applications until March 31/07. The rally is at Canyon Vistas RV Resort, a Cal-Am five star resort, in Gold Canyon, AZ. It is located on US highway 60 between mile markers 201 and 202 and is located less than 15 miles from the Alfa National. In the area there are numerous site seeing events and attractions. Some of the more

popular ones are; Dolly Steamboat ride on Lake Canyon (a 90 minute narrative tour); Gold Field Ghost Town (the ladies will enjoy visiting the shops while the men belly up to the bar in the Mammoth Saloon, which was built in early 1900); Tortilla Flat; Superstition Mountains; the Four Peaks; and the above average Swamp Meet in Mesa.

Welcome Dinner;

Spaghetti and Meat Balls, (minus meat balls for vegetarians)

Farewell Dinner (catered)

Walnut Crusted Salmon,

Roasted Red Pepper Risotto,

Whiskey Carrots,

Garden Salad w/Ranch and Italian Dressing,

Parker House Rolls w/butter,

Decadent Chocolate Brownies,

Coffee & Tea.

For both dinners the attendees may bring their own tasty alcoholic and wine beverages.

Any questions!? Call 936-328-4522 or mcdickandjane@gmail.com

Dick and Jane McEwan

Fall Camp Out:



Kansas Santa Fe Trail ROADRUNNER FALL CAMPOUT Council Grove, Ks

October 1- October 8, 2007

We have sent out the trail scouts, “Norm and Not-Norm”, to find the best that the area has to offer for our Roadrunners! We will be circling the wagons at one of the nicest campgrounds in the USA, Canning Creek Corp of Engineer Park, along the shore of Council Grove Lake. We have 46 sites reserved, 36 are full hook up with 50 amp service and 10 with water and electric only (these are still very nice sites). A dump is available and free. The first 36 reservations will get the full hook up sites. The historic town of Council Grove is located just a few miles from the park.

“Cookie” was the trail scout in charge of vittles for the crowd and he has come up with some mighty fine plans. We will start out with a nice welcome dinner for all you weary travelers. Tuesday evening we will have a pioneer feast put on by the Historic Hays House <http://hayshouse.com/>. Wednesday morning we all get together for an omelet in a bag breakfast. Thursday we will have a day trip to Abilene, KS where we will visit the Eisenhower Presidential Museum and then dine at the Historic Brooksville Hotel <http://www.brookvillehotel.com/> where we will have their famous chicken dinner with all the fixin’s. Friday morning a breakfast by the Hays House and Saturday an old fashioned Roadrunner potluck dinner. We will end our outing with the farewell dinner by “The Spot”, a favorite local hang-out, located in nearby Herington.

In addition to the planned activities, Council Grove has 13 registered historical sites and a

carefully preserved past that is a treasure trove of history. Nearby you can see portions of the Santa Fe Trail and its wagon wheel ruts. Day trips can also be made to the Tall Grass Prairie Preserve and Cottonwood Falls Courthouse or if your interest is military history, the United States Calvary Museum at Fort Riley.

This is a great location for many of you who will be coming from your summer locations or going to your winter locations. We are also hoping to see some of those members and friends who live in the heartland of the country and can't make it to rallies out in the west. Council Grove Lake is about 100 miles southwest of Kansas City. See Maps on page two for more details.

We sure hope to see there!

Duane & Rita Dingman

Norm & Kathi Duarte

GPS Coordinates for Canning Creek Campground 38.69298N 96.53762W

Map to Council Grove, Kansas



Map to Canning Creek Campground



[Please click this link for Application Form](#)

Date	Campground	Location	Wagon Masters
April 13-17, 2007* National Pre-Rally	Canyon Vista RV Park	Gold Canyon, AZ.	Dick & Jane McEwan
April 18-25, 2007 National*	View Point RV Park	Mesa, AZ	Tom & Dori Weissman
Oct. 1-Oct.7, 2007	Canning Creek Cove	Council Grove, Ka.	Duarte/Dingman
End of Jan. 2008	La Posta N. AZ.	Quartzsite, AZ.	Harris/Ryders/Mallows
April ?-15 Pre Rally			
April 15-22, 2008 National	Havens Landing	Montgomery, Texas	
End of National to ?	Montgomery TX. To Banff AB.	Rolling Rally	Bill & Sheila Heath

Event Coordinator

For wagon Master information, please contact Patti Chastain at pattichastain@starband.net or 542-968-2074.

Why We Love Being Road Runners!

We had just picked up our brand new Alfa See-Ya in Feb. 2002 and decided to go to the National Rally in Sierra Vista AZ. that April. We joined the RR Chapter as they were mostly full-timers, just like us. We pulled into the RR pre-rally in Tombstone AZ. not knowing a soul and discovered that we were the only Motorhome in a sea of 5th-wheels. Would they think us a couple of snobs in our big new rig? We were scared and nervous, didn't know what to expect. Well, we were welcomed with open arms into the festivities. Everyone was so friendly and as a result we made many lasting friends. We will Never forget that rally and have vowed to welcome all newcomers into our club, no matter what they're driving or pulling. It is a great club with many wonderful people.

Wilmer and Nancie Swerdfeger
#70444 '02 See Ya

Whenever we have an occasion to see another Alfa, whether at a roadside stop, campground or fuel stop throughout North America, we always say "Hi". If they belong to the "Roadrunner" chapter it is a bonus, like finding family on the road. Instantly, we have someone to debrief and discuss with the joys and perils of being on the road full time.

Bill and Sheila Heath

One day we were sitting in our new Alfa RV and since we had no other means of transportation we were sort of stranded. Then we met another couple also with an Alfa RV. They invited us to go to dinner with them and we became very close friends. Since they were Roadrunners we also became Roadrunners and lo and behold we now have many close friends.

PS the first ones we met were Tom and Dori.

Tony & Sharon Monson

The roadrunners represent a group of people from all over the country, which makes it more interesting than a localized group that always does the same things.

The group helps to keep us informed about our rigs and our adventures....

Walt and Sue Guildi

On a plateau in the Arizona desert in real early spring, near Quartzsite AZ. we gather. It is like coming home. We circle the rigs, build a campfire, and pour a sip of cheer. We sit and talk for awhile of the passage of last year and our plans for next.

The Roadrunners are a portrait of the best of yesteryear - the roads we've traveled, the places we've been, the friends and happy times we've found.

I can hear home on the range. I see the campfire at sundown and remember the fireplace at Grandma's house. I smell dinner on the stove. I see all the cousins gathered around.

I hear the stories, the laughter, and the songs - being there, feeling at home among the best of our generation is about as good as it gets.

Joe & Betty Choate

- 1) Being a Roadrunner gives full-timing Alfa owners a real sense of community.
- 2) It's fun getting together, but also staying in touch when we all go our separate ways.
- 3) The ideas that flow from club members when you need advice, repairs or improvements is invaluable.
- 4) It's our extended family.

Barbara and Roger Narvesen

I like the convenience of trading information with other Roadrunners, be it travel destinations,

RV "do-it-yourself" projects, or general troubleshooting. The social aspect is always a bonus, too!

Rochelle Bafus

Angie and I really like the many other Roadrunner members that we meet from time to time in park after park as we cross the country. They are fine people who have a common interest in seeing the country, enjoying themselves and having fun. There always seems to be social hours and pot luck dinning. Last but not least are the camp outs which are really great fun.

Rick & Angie Radosevic

For those interested, (not mandatory)

Vests...for the making/sewing of one is as follows: All items required to make the vest may be purchased from Wal-Mart, except the Roadrunner Bird Patch & Dori will have those for sale.

The vests need not be lined. MATERIAL: Red Teeshot #074300600122 (45" wide)(app. 2 yds)

BIAS Tape: Scarlet #000341982 (2 packets) THREAD: Red (to match material & tape)

PATTERN: McCalls #8285 – View "H" with pockets.