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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.....

Submitted by: Tom & Dori

The Roadrunners had a great turn out for the annual Pre-Rally Campout, held at Emerald Desert RV Park, Palm Desert, CA. Beautiful RV Resort!!! Attending were total of 33 RV's, 10 of which were 5th wheels. Bill & Sheila Heath, wagon masters, along with the assistance of Allan & Diane Herschderfer did a terrific job, lots to do, plus lots to eat. Our wagon masters arranged for an Easter Sunday Brunch, catered by Linda of the RV Park. Another great meal, catered by Linda, was the Sheriff's dinner. The Radosevic did a good job, as sheriff & deputy. Didn't find many infractions, guess us Roadrunners have become wise to the ways of the "mighty arm of the Sheriff." A big Thank You goes out to Cal Chastain and his parking crew. They not only served to park those of us who attended the Pre-Rally, but parked the rest of the group that came in for the National.

About the National, in attendance was 64 RV's in all. Wonderful showing. A total of 14 fifth wheelers attended both functions. Bruce Pierce, a veteran member, attended both the Pre & the National and it was great having him back in our midst. Another person our appreciation goes out to was Phyllis Wennerberg for her collection of all the gifts for our Roadrunner Baskets (2 big beach bags) and assembling the gifts in both. Bet the winners were very happy people, as we had a collection of wines, cheeses, goodies and other useable items for the RV'er.

With the advent of the Pre-Rally and National, came our yearly election of officers. The nominating committee, comprised of Angie Radosevic, Allan Herschderfer and Dick McEwan presented their slate of officers at the Pre-Rally, Sheriff's Dinner. Elections were held at the Chapter Night Dinner, April 20th. Once again, we will be serving you as your President, Secretary/Treasurer. Dave & Jean Reikofski were elected as Vice-President. They will be sharing this office as partners. Very proud to have them as our assistants for the next year, 2006-2007.

We wish to express our gratitude and THANK YOU to CAL CHASTAIN for his support as our Vice-President during this previous year.

More THANK YOU's go to STU KNAPP, who has done an outstanding job as the Roadrunner Newsletter Editor, for the past three and half years. SHEILA HEATH volunteered and was elected as, NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR for the upcoming 2006-2007 year. This is a big job, which I'm sure that Sheila & Bill will do with the greatest of ease.

Roadrunner representatives to the National Board are Garth & Jackie Thomas, who have one more year to serve in their term.

Re-Elected as your National Board Alternate representatives were Larry & Rosalie Heuer.

Angie Radosevic, Allan Herschderfer and Dick McEwan, were appointed as the Nominating Committee and did an outstanding job. They will be serving for this current year. If you or someone you know would like to serve as officers of the Roadrunner chapter, please contact one of them.

God Bless, Safe Travels & Happy Trails,

BOUNCE TIPS**TO REMOVE BUGS FROM THE FRONT OF YOUR COACH INCLUDING THE WINDSHIELD.**

Wet the area with water, dip a Bounce sheet in water, and then gently wipe back and forth over the affected area. This really works! I have a number of witnesses. We had enough protein on the front of our coach after driving to Sunset Utah from Alberta to feed everyone at Charlie's Service. (They all politely declined). We are going to test the Bounce sheet tucked into a belt loop to repel mosquito theory when we go to Alaska this summer. We will share the results in the fall.

RALLY AND CAMP OUT REPORTS**The Pre Alfa National Rally** submitted by **Bill & Sheila Heath**

Imagine our surprise when we discovered that the Pre Alfa National Rally was over the Easter Weekend. Not to worry though some enthusiastic Roadrunners started to arrive at the pre-rally the week before it started! Much to the National Rally Masters chagrin we even had a few other chapter members join us and stayed for the National.

Diane and Allan Herschderfer your assistant wagon masters and us, Bill and Sheila Heath your wagon masters started planning in November for this affair. We had no idea how many of you were going to show for this Easter week end pre rally and it frightened us to think of leading a huge parade of Alfa's into Emerald Desert for The National so we coped out, asked permission of the National Rally Masters, checked with Emerald Desert for availability and presto there we were.



Thanks to Diane and Allan who organized it, we were able to offer you Pizza & Salad for the wagon master dinner - poolside. What a great venue for a meal. Of course it goes without saying Happy Hour preceded this meal with many bringing the delicious and nutritious nibbles. A show of hands indicated

that first timers outnumbered us so as per custom they were first to go for their pizza.



I don't know what you all did before Costco arrived on the scene. I personally believe they were created for people who have large families and/or large parties to simplify their lives.

Anyway, Diane and Allan and Costco were instrumental in providing coffee and sweets for your early morning enjoyment. Not being a morning person (I sparkle in the evening though) I was grateful they were willing to do this.

The 4 of us worked with Linda McQuarrie, the Emerald Desert caterer and the end result was a delicious Easter Brunch and The Sheriff's dinner the last night. Hats off to Linda and the Roadrunner servers; Allan & Diane, for making this happen.



Diane & Allan Herschderfer, with staff.

Enjoying Easter Brunch

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The most popular activities other than visiting and eating seemed to be golf and shopping. Dianne, myself, Betty Martin and Barbara Campbell (who did such a fine job of driving us) power shopped and looked at The Premium Outlet Mall. Again thanks to Allan and Diane we had discount coupon books and a senior's discount! We all agreed that it was a special treat to be able to wander in and out of stores, try things on, buy or not at our leisure and all without the supervisory skills of our better halves.

Golfing was enjoyed by some, at the Emerald Desert Executive Course. We even had a few lost golfers wander through our site looking for the next tee box. The golfing enthusiasts: Tim Campbell, Tony Monson, Rick Radosevic, Larry LaBossier, Fred Smith, Dan Harris, Bill Heath, attending the pre rally were able to find some very good deals at some very nice local courses. The group played four rounds including the "Scramble" at the National Rally. Larry LaBossier proved to be our most consistent golfer and we all watched with envy.

Charlie DuBose of Charlie's Service in Sunset Utah was kind enough to spend an hour answering technical questions for an enthusiastic group of Roadrunners during the pre rally. Thanks to Charlie for his realistic and helpful answers to our diverse questions.



The majority of the questions related to electrical issues, inverters and battery problems.

Pot Luck scheduled for outside was held indoors at the main clubhouse due to a slight breeze. Ha, if it wasn't nailed down it flew past you. As usual everyone out did themselves with many delicious dishes appearing on the table. Jean Reikofski had the great idea to serve her special meatloaf so that everyone would have a taste. It worked - everyone did!

Angie and Rick Radosevic the appointed sheriff's handed out their fines after we all enjoyed a feast of salad, stuffed chicken with vegetables and many berry pie. They carried out their duties admirably and the violators quickly paid their fines. The one I liked was the group that was fined for unnecessary guarding of the "sweets" and coffee during the morning gatherings.



Palm Springs Tramway.

A pre rally ride on the Tramway was rescheduled do to conflicting events. Twelve brave couples paid \$30.00 each for the privilege of a spectacular journey to the top of the San Jacinto Mts. and enjoyed a surprisingly good buffet. The Tram is one of two in the world where the floor revolves around a core. Everyone is able to enjoy the view twice. From the parking lot, elevation 2500', you rise to 8611' in 11 minutes. Many of us stayed until dark to enjoy the lights of Palm Springs on our descent.





Roadrunners Spring Camp Out 2006

Submitted by: [Barb Zeilke](#)

Wednesday May 17th 9 Alfa coaches gathered at Mountain Gate RV Park just north of Redding, CA. in 100-degree heat. The rally started off with rally-master Rick (Hubba) Radosevic at the BBQ cooking hamburgers and hotdogs.

Thursday we were greeted by another 100-degree day. Luckily, that was the day of our great rafting adventure on the Sacramento River. All who went welcomed that cold water. The rafters returned to camp and all then enjoyed a potluck dinner centered on a delicious ham.

Friday night was delicious catered dinner of chicken and tri-tip and various salads.

Saturday we did omelets in a bag and had coach tours and a few of the guys went golfing.

During the coach tour Jean Heimann learned that her sink faucet pulled out and could be used as a sprayer. That just goes to show that we are never too old to learn.

Sunday we were going to rent the party boat and cruise Lake Shasta for the day but we woke up to a big thunderstorm and rain showers throughout the day so we just stayed home and played various games and ate some more. All had a grand time and the only thing that could have made it better was if you had been there too!

Hubba and Bubba had a bubble gum blowing contest. Gene Huebner won. AHA the dentist that chews gum.....hope its sugarless Gene!

Once again, none of us left there hungry. Steve Gatchel is a self-proclaimed rally junkie. Don't let him fool you into any sympathy about a weight gain! We all know why he likes the rallies!

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Rafting the Sacramento River

Submitted by: [Harvey Heimann](#)

One of the highlights of the Spring Campout was the Great Whitewater Rafting Adventure. Ten very brave (or foolhardy) Roadrunners opted to accept the challenge of rafting down the Sacramento River above Shasta Lake. The run would be twelve miles long, dropping over 300 feet in elevation on a river running very high and fast. Our head guide told us most of the trip would be through class 4 rapids. After a very lengthy talk on safety instructions covering such subjects as "how to save you life if you are washed overboard", we began to don our rafting gear. Sequentially, a warm pullover, then a blue wet suit, covered with blue waterproof (??) jackets and then sealed in a very snug life preserver, capped off with a white helmet. Lined up ready to board the three rafts, we looked like a display of ten overstuffed, blue sausages.

Both Dori Weissman and Susan Gatchel played the part of "Queen of the Nile", sitting behind the two front paddlers in their respective rafts, not lifting a finger, much less a paddle and just enjoyed the ride. However, some justice prevailed when a large wave in the Snaggletooth Rapids knocked Dori off her seat onto the floor of the raft.

The Purple Heart went to Barbara Narveson who, while wading ashore was confronted by a large boulder that appeared out of nowhere causing her to fall into the frigid water. Thankfully, no serious injury occurred. A most welcome break came with lunch on the riverbank that was so enjoyable and so filling we had to loosen the straps on our life preservers to fit into them again!

The second half of the trip proved to be the most challenging and exciting. With increased confidence we smoothly handled the most dangerous rapids, "Paula's Perils" and "The Triple Whammy". An added bonus was viewing bald eagles in their nests and ospreys soaring overhead.

Almost too soon the trip was over. An amazing transition had taken place. From rank amateurs who were even unsure if they should take the trip, into assured white water rafters looking forward to even more challenging rivers.

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Camp Charlie

Apparently there have been a number of spontaneous campouts at Charlie's Service in Sunset Utah. We arrived on May 31st to find 7 Alfa Coaches in for repair (or for a party or both) Charlie and Vicki led a

caravan up to Crystal Spa Springs the week-end of May 20 th. and over a wet Memorial Day weekend a number of coaches went to the car races. During our successful repairs we were able to get in a restaurant visit, a couple of potlucks and met three new couples. We even observed a first, a drive by repair. A couple from Georgia was having a problem with their passenger side blind so they just pulled up to the curb and Charlie was able to accommodate them lickety split.



Norm and Kathie, Vicki & Charlie enjoy Japanese food

Sunset behind Charlie's Camp



Norm & Kathie surrounded by Ed & Janis (Florida), Carol & Dave (Seattle), Ken & Patsy (taking picture and a southern belle), Sheila (The Canadian), Vicki (The local gal) and Angie (Cal).

Forward information including pictures, of spontaneous gatherings for inclusion in future newsletters.

COMING EVENTS/CAMPOUTS

Fall Oregon Campout See attached or Web site for registration form
Dean and Jean Stubblefield.

Everything is coming along smoothly for the fall campout in Lakeside OR. Osprey Point will have 50 spaces for the Roadrunners. Registration will be on a first come basis.

The **deadline** for registration will be **August 1, 2006.**

We will have a packet with points of interest including the Oregon Coast Magazine milepost issue. The golf outing has been scheduled at Forest Hills Country Club in Reedsport. The final dinner will be at The Culinary Arts Institute at Southwestern College in Coos Bay.

If you are taking the Coast Route (US101), the Lakeside entrance is at MP 222 then east to the stop sign, turn left and Osprey is on the right (¼ mile)

We suggest if you are coming I-5 take exit 136 (Sutherlin), go west to Reedsport, then south (8miles) to MP222.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall and wish you a safe and fun-filled summer.

Date	Campground	Location	Wagon Masters
September 6-12, 2006	Osprey Point RV Park	Lakeside, OR.	Dean & Jean Stubblefield
January 2007, 10 days TBA	La Posa North/East BLM	Quartzsite, AZ.	Dan & Arlene Harris
April 13-17, 2007*	Canyon Vista RV Park	Gold Canyon, AZ.	Dick & Jane McEwan
April 18-25, 2007*	View Point RV Park	Mesa, AZ	Tom & Dori Weissman
April 25- June 1, 2007	Rolling Rally	Mesa to Banff AB.	Bill & Sheila Heath
Fall 2007	TBA	TBA	Required

* Alfa Pre & National Rallies, Rolling Campout is in planning stages, stay tuned!

Where do Roadrunners call home?

Submitted by **Patti Chastain - Events Coordinator**

(Numbers indicate Alfa Rigs not people and effective date February 22, 2006)

Alaska	4	Illinois	5	New Hampshire	4	Tennessee	5
Alabama	1	Kansas	4	New Mexico	6	Texas	73
Arkansas	2	Louisiana	1	Nevada	25	Utah	6
Arizona	29	Massachusetts	1	Ohio	7	Virginia	2
California	37	Michigan	1	Oklahoma	3	Washington	2
Colorado	22	Missouri	3	Oregon	27	Wisconsin	1

Florida	26	Montana	6	Pennsylvania	1	Wyoming	1
Iowa	1	North Carolina	1	Rhode Island	1	Alberta, Canada	3
Idaho	6	Nebraska	1	South Dakota	26	Saskatchewan, Canada	1

Want to meet some of your fellow Roadrunners with common interests? Have a Roadrunner Campout! As you know, Roadrunners like to travel and you may be surprised how many would come to your neighbourhood. Maybe you have an interest or hobby that others also share. For example, how about Joker's and Pegs Tournament, a Pinochle Tournament, Model Railroading, Remote Controlled Planes, Fishing, Canoeing, Hiking, Computers, Talking, Chili Cook Off's or an Alfa Seniors Olympic Campout. There are many local, regional and national festivals that you might like to share with other Roadrunners. Use your imagination!! For wagon Master information, please contact Patti Chastain at pattichastain@starband.net or 542-968-2074.

Recipe Corner

Cookies and Cream 3 Layer Dessert

Serves 20

Thanks to Irene Beyenhof

(from the Kitchen of a Diabetic)

Ingredients:

1	(7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce) box sugar-free chocolate sandwich cookies (or same in lemon)
1	8 ounce package fat-free cream cheese (softened)
2	8 ounce container of cool whip free (thawed and divided into quarters)
2	9.4 ounce boxes chocolate sugar free fat free instant pudding (or same in lemon)
3 $\frac{1}{2}$	cups skim milk

Method:

- 1) Crush cookies in 1 gallon zip lock. Set aside $\frac{1}{2}$ cup.
- 2) Mix cream cheese, $\frac{3}{4}$ container cool whip free and remaining crushed cookies. Spread in 9x13 pan.
- 3) Make pudding by box directions using 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of milk.
- 4) Spread prepared pudding over cookies and cream mixture.
- 5) Spread remaining cool whip thinly over pudding
- 6) Sprinkle with remaining crumbs
- 7) Chill

Nutritional Values:

Calories - 113, Weight Watchers 1.5 points, Fat 1.8 g., Cholesterol 2.7 mg, Sodium 230 mg., Fiber .3 g, Sugars 4.9 g.

This is the scrumptious dessert that Irene supplied at the Roadrunners Potluck during National. For those who didn't get a taste it was Divine!!

Due to retirement and advanced seasoning not responsible for errors or omissions in this Newsletter.
Until the fall then!

Respectfully
Sheila Heath
Editor