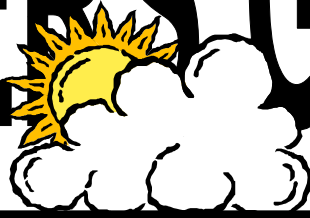


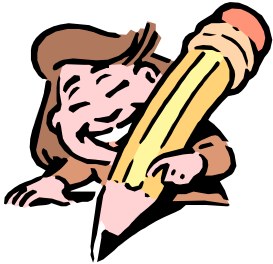
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A LAST WORD



Congratulations to the new club officers. Jim Liddick will be a great president. Al Vanicek served (Bill says "served" is the correct word)

for many years as the Editor and is staying active in the club by consenting to be the new VP. Nancy Dyke has her work cut out. Secretary/Treasurer is a tough job. David and Tish Parsons have a fine mentor in Kathryn Garrett to show them the ropes for NBR. We can keep the club active and make it grow if everyone gets involved. BE THERE when it's your turn to serve.

Bill and I are in the process of converting from full-timers (for 8 years) to part timers. We have purchased a mountain top in SE Tennessee and are in the lengthy process of making it habitable. We hope to be finished or at least far enough along to make the Mackinaw and Lake Dalton Outings.

Jim and Kathryn have called for volunteers to start getting ready for the National in 2003. If we all do a little, nobody will have to do a lot. Let's all pitch in! See ya'. Carolyn Tickel.

A FIRST WORD

This is your newly elected president and the first thing I would like to do is wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR and hope that this message finds you doing well. I am writing this at our first rally of the year, Florida's Emerald Coast outing.

Kathryn has done an outstanding job of scheduling rallies for the year 2002 and I would encourage (beg, plead or whatever it takes) you to review the scheduled events and make plans to come to as many as possible. If the rest are half as good as the first you will all have a great time, meet old friends and make many new ones. We need your help and participation in all of the club's activities if it is to be successful and grow. We have had a problem with members not renewing. I would like to hear from anyone who has any new ideas of what we could do or need to do to retain our members.

Anyone who is interested in being a Wagon Master for a rally please contact Kathryn. If you do not feel comfortable with being a WM the first time out you might wish to sign on and serve as an assistant and then later do one on your own.

Our club is responsible for the National Rally in 2003. As the NBR Kathryn will be heading this up but will need help from all of you who can come to make this one of the best ALFA rallies ever. Planning is already under way and if you are planning to attend please contact her and offer your services.

I look forward to seeing and meeting with all of you at the upcoming rallies.

JIM LIDDICK

Q. What's a homosexual mafia boss called?

A. A Fairy God Father.



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ODE TO A SHORT RIB

By Bill Tickel

OH THING OF BEAUTY,
AND WONDEROUS TASTE.
THOU WOULDST BE PERFECT
IF NOT FOR THE WASTE.

“HOW NOW BROWN COW”
IS NO LONGER JUST FOR THESPIANS.
WE COULD HAVE A SHORTAGE OF
SHORT RIBS,
IF COWS WERE LESBIANS.

AND SO WE SALUTE THEE
ALL COVERED WITH SAUCE,
WE RED NECK GOURMETS,
FOR YOUR RESONABLE COST.

BALLOONS NEAR STROUDSBURG

by Dianne O’Keeffe

The Balloon Festival was great fun. Our Wagon Masters were Ron & Donna Sutton. They missed hosting in Indiana because of wagon repairs, but made it to see the balloons even with a sheared shock.

Those attending were Don & Ginny Bell (Delaware), Dick & Bev Stern (Tennessee), Terry & Dianne O’Keeffe (California), Lee Showers (Maine), Ted and Doreen Hixon in their new Motorhome and, of course, the Suttons.



The first day was used to greet one another and set up. Then we enjoyed snacks around the campfire.

Wednesday was a free day. We used it to get ready for the potluck dinner that night. The guys did small repairs to the rigs and we ladies toured rigs and caught up on events.

A trolley tour was on tap for Thursday. We truck-pooled to the station in East Stroudsburg and “Entertaining” was the word of the day! Our driver-narrator– tour guide gave us a running dissertation on the “Deeeelaware” Water Gap and “Shaaaawneeee” areas. What fun! We stopped at a local café for lunch before heading back to the campground to relax.

Friday began with a potluck breakfast. Then we truckpooled again, this time to Shawnee Inn and Golf Course for the opening event of the Balloon Festival. We

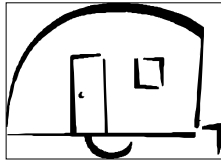
satisfied our appetites for junk food and then gathered for the Balloon Glow. This glowing event consists of 21 hot air balloons on a grass field just large enough to hold them after inflation, music geared for the younger set, and darkness. After the tethered balloons were inflated by mechanical fans, the propane heaters were lighted. The heaters were then fired in sync with the music. It was truly a beautiful sight, a bouquet of colors pulsating in the darkness.

Saturday morning we left for trip to “Jim Thorpe” and a train trip through the mountains of Pennsylvania. This small town calls itself the Switzerland of Pennsylvania. The buildings and grounds of this town are beautifully maintained and restored in 19th century style. The train ride took us through the remnants of train yards, past the backyards of 150 years old homes, lakes, and rivers.

One notable part of the tour was the rail crossing guard(s). At the first road crossing we noticed that traffic was stopped by a very elderly gentleman in a safety vest sporting an engineers cap and flag. The train move slowly to the next crossing where we all did a double take. Was that the same crossing guard? At the next crossing, the same guard again. And at the next crossing, the same guard again.. Was it a cardboard cutout? Nope. It was Darrell, an engineer for over 50 years, who
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PANAMA CITY BEACH OUTING

Wagon Masters Kathryn Garrett and Jack Exum arrived two days early at the Panama City KOA only to discover that new member, Dave Key, had been there for a week waiting for Sunrisers to arrive so he could ask the questions that all first time Rvers ask. On Wednesday Frank & Holly Ayers, Jerry & Joanne Klom- parens, Jim & Lynn Liddick, and Dave & Tish Parsons arrived. Then everybody began watching for Dick & Beverly Stern. They drove in from Orlando (a long day) and arrived just in time for Hearty Hors d'oeuvres. Great planning, Dick.



Wednesday
Ayers, Jerry &
parens, Jim &
and Dave & Tish
rived. Then eve-

This Outing was touted as “Relax and Have Fun,” but it should have added “and Eat.” This club has some great cooks. We had coffee and donuts each morning, had snacks at social hour in the afternoon, and then went visiting in a different rig each evening. We had fantastic pot lucks, a fish fry, and dinners out. The Wagon Masters hunted for three days for the perfect place for the group to go out to dinner. They finally came up with a Seafood Buffet and we went there Saturday evening. Our “Grill and Salad” night was rained out so we decided to treat ourselves and go out to dinner again. Dave Key told us about his favorite restaurant and we were on our way. Rain can’t stop us!

Bev Stern cooked a great pot of chili for everyone for dinner Friday night. Jack Exum showed up the next morning asking for a bowl of cold chili (sounds redundant) to go on his grits.

Tish Parsons brought a King cake with her from New Orleans. There is a little doll baked in it and whoever gets the doll in their piece has to have the next party. Kathryn got the doll and everyone agreed that giving a party was a small price for such a good cake.

Frank, Jerry, and Dave went golfing on Thursday. On Saturday Jim, Jerry and Joanne went deep sea fishing and brought back enough fish for a fish fry. Mmmmm good!

Sheriff Bev handed out fines at the Breakfast Pot Luck. Everyone was sorry to leave and wanted to know who would be at future outings.

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR AWNING

The biggest threat to your awning is dirt. The cleaner your awning, the less you need worry about rot and mildew. This does not mean your awning will not rot or mildew if left for any length of time rolled up wet. It does mean that the cleaner it is, the longer you can leave it. If it were possible to clean an awning so it was 100 % free of dirt and pollutants you could leave it rolled up wet forever. We know though that pollen, dust, road pollutants, salt spray, industrial smoke, and a hundred other things make that impossible, even in the short term.

Your awning should be cleaned once a month. We know, however, that’s not going to happen. The cleaner you keep it, the longer you can go without replacing it, unless you use it as a body bumper to keep trees and power poles from hitting the side of your RV.

The following procedure will serve you well if you don’t have the manufacturer’s instructions.

1. Loosen hardened dirt with a **soft** brush on the top and bottom of your awning.
2. Hose off the top and bottom.
3. Mix 1/4 cup of dish soap and 1/4 cup of bleach in five (5) gallons of warm water. Using your soft brush wash both sides of the awning.
4. Roll up the awning for about an hour, more or less, depending on the persistence of the dirt.
5. Unroll the awning and rinse **thoroughly**.
6. Let the awning dry completely before rolling back up.

Next time we’ll talk about checking for leaks and awning hardware maintenance.

WHEN ARE YOU READY TO BE A WAGON MASTER?

I was recently asked "What does a Wagon Master do?", and realized that many club members need the answer before they are willing to volunteer. The Wagon Masters job *in the Sunrisers* is easy. We use an Outing Coordinator to do the following things (unless the Wagon Master agrees to do some of them):

1. Schedule the dates and locations.
2. Reserve spaces at the RV park.
3. Scout out fun things to do in the area.
4. Prepare a preliminary agenda.
5. Receive the Registration Forms and the deposit checks.
6. Mail checks to the RV park.
7. Find a Wagon Master.

The hand off to the Wagon Master can occur at any time but will usually be after the checks and the number of RV's expected are mailed to the RV Park. The Wagon Master is responsible for the outing activities. The Wagon Master will:

1. Change the proposed agenda to his or her satisfaction.
2. Obtain local maps and brochures.
3. Post a daily activity schedule.
4. See that morning coffee and donuts are available.
5. Organize group activities/car pools.
6. Find someone to write the article for

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2003 ALFA NATIONAL RALLY

By Kathryn Garrett

We are the HOST CLUB for the 2003 ALFA National Rally in Sevierville, TN from May 14 to May 21, 2003. The RV Park has been reserved. We need volunteers to begin on the next round of work assignments. Everyone in the club is needed to make this rally a success.

The following tasks require general organizational skills:

1. Registration Forms—to be designed, printed, and ready for distribution by September 2002.
2. Seminar Coordinator—I.e., Communications While Traveling, Wagon Mastering, Maintenance/Repair of Your Rig, RV Driving Safety, Health/Insurance, Full Timing, Factory Seminar, etc. Decide and arrange for seminar leaders. The schedule must be ready by August so as to be included with the Registration Forms above.
3. Door Prizes and Club Basket—Purchase door prizes, and assemble the club basket.
4. Morning Coffee and Donuts plus Social Hour Planning & coordination.
5. Activities Coordinator—Evening Games, Pet Parade, etc.
6. Room Arranging and Cleanup.

This task requires organizational and people skills:

7. Registration Packets—includes contacting local businesses for inserts & gifts, creating RV name plates, packet assembly & distribution. A substantial number of the club gift (silver ware holders) are already made but need to be collected and stored.

Requires organizational and electrical skills:

8. Facilities arrangements—tent, chairs, sound system, lights, etc.

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SUNRISERS PLANNED OUTINGS

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The following outings are planned or being planned as this Gazette goes to press:

*Registration Form included in this issue.

March 21-28:

Springtime in Charleston, SC

April 10-17:

Alfa National in Sierra Vista, AZ

*April 10-17:

April in Williamsburg, VA

*May 9-14:

A May Outing in Gettysburg, PA

*May 23-28:

Eat ice cream in Utica, OH

*June 13-19:

Linger at Finger Lakes Montezuma, NY

July 11-18:

Between the Lakes at Mackinaw, MI

Aug 1-8:

It's a Circus in Lake Dalton, WI

Aug 21-28:

Abe Lincoln in Springfield, IL

Sept 18-25:

Fall in Ashville, NC

Oct 10-17:

Land Between the Lakes Dover, TN

Nov 7-14:

Find a diamond in Murfreesboro, AR

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May 7-14: Prepare for National and

May 14-21: National at Sevierville, TN

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, WE RALLY DO

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These two tasks require artistic skills:

9. 2003 Outing Patch—design and arrange production.

10. Decorations and Crafts—centerpieces, stage/tent decorations, arrange craft classes.

The next five tasks require some local area knowledge:

11. Tours and Night Out—Price and arrange group tours (including buses), e.g., Cades Cove, Smokey Mt. Natl Park, Gatlingburg, etc. Must have cost info for Registration Form in August.

12. Bowling Coordinator—Price and reserve. Cost info to be ready for Registration Form in August.

13. Golf Outing Coordinator—Covered.

Next task requires local area and culinary knowledge:

14. Food Events/Caterer—Taste test and make arrangements for two catered meals.

Last task requires musical appreciation and/or knowledge of professional entertainment.

15. Book professional entertainment for one night. This is usually at the largest of the catered meals.

We need help from all our members, some as committee chairpersons and some as help-persons. Some of these things need to begin now. Please contact me, Kathryn Garrett at jackexum@juno.com

BALLOONS (Continued from page 2)

now owns the train. His job now is to race from crossing to crossing in his little red truck to baffle tourists. And a good job he does!

Sunday was another free day that was spent by many getting ready for departure the next day. We met at a local Pizza place for dinner and took leftovers home. It rained Sunday night but pull-day dawned bright and beautiful - a suitable end to another great campout.

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BEING A WAGON MASTER

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the Newsletter.

7. Deputize a Sheriff.

8. **SEE THAT EVERYONE IS HAVING FUN.**

Be sure after the outing that the article is sent to the Editor of the Newsletter.

There. See. No experience is required! Once you are comfortable with this part of the job, you can volunteer to do the Coordinator's job for the complete outing. Choosing locations is really half the fun. Kathryn Garrett

THE ORLANDO, FLORIDA NON-OUTING

Only two couples registered for the Orlando outing. The reservations at the RV Park were cancelled and the outing changed to a pot luck lunch at Dick & Marilyn Dickson's Winter RV Park in Davenport, just south of Orlando. Dick & Bev Stern, and Kathryn Garrett & Jack Exum joined them there on November 21. The three couples had a great time.

It seems that our members in Florida for the Winter have season reservations and don't feel like moving out for a week. In the future we'll probably just schedule a few pot lucks for central and south Florida rather than winter outings.

MISCELLANEOUS THINGS THERE ISN'T ROOM FOR ANYWHERE ELSE

The Mardi Gras Outing will be in February and there is only four rigs registered. There are registration forms for Williamsburg, Gettysburg, Ohio, and Finger Lakes with this Newsletter. The Sunriser outing schedule is posted at www.alfaleisure.com in the Owners Club Section.