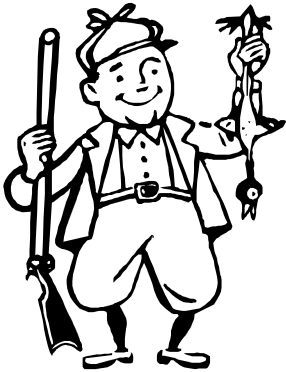


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# SUNRISERS GAZETTE

## NOW, WHERE'S JIM?



Anyone knowing the whereabouts of our club president should get in touch with the editor of this paper as soon as possible. I have been expecting his quarterly input

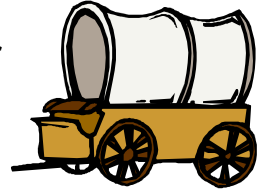
for some time. I will have to improvise what I think he might have said if he had written a column for this issue. So, here goes,

Bill Tickel has volunteered to help coordinate the seminar presentations and will need lots of help. He's a wonderful person and can do almost anything except get the Gazette out on time, but he does not want to give all the seminars himself, He is presenting a seminar on "Planning a Rolling Rally." In addition, other currently planned seminars are: 1) RV Driving and Safety, 2) Communications on the Road, 3) Full Timing Issues, 4) Health and Insurance, 5) Maintaining Your ALFA, and 6) John Nelson's Factory Seminar. We need persons to prepare and present these seminars. Please get in touch RIGHT AWAY with either Kathryn or Bill for details and lots of help.

I think that's what Jim would write.

## KATHRYN'S KAMPING

I am still working on locating RV Parks for the Sunriser's 2003 Outing Schedule. Some of you have made recommendations for areas or RV Parks that sound wonderful and they are being included in the schedule. It helps a lot when someone tells me about a park or place they want the club to visit. It would be great if members of the other ALFA Clubs who are coming to the National would join some of our activities next year. The new schedule is included with this newsletter. As RV Parks become known they will be posted on the internet at [WWW.ALFALEISURE.COM](http://WWW.ALFALEISURE.COM) in the Owner's Club Section.



A great Michigan Outing is being held as I write. I missed a group tour to write this. We also have three rigs registered for the Wisconsin Outing in August. We have canceled several outings because only one or two rigs registered.

The registration forms are out for the Abe Lincoln Outing in August and

## MACKINAW CITY OUTING BY NANCY DYKE

The Mackinaw Outing was great. We had perfect weather and spent lots of time sightseeing, visiting, and eating. Roger and I were the Wagon Masters. We arrived a day early to organize the activities. Jack Exum & Kathryn Garrett, Jim & Joan Niedzielski, and Don Gilleran & Clara Bondie arrived the next day. We are sorry that the Goods, Keys, and House-holders had to cancel.

Everyone hopes that Betty Householder recovers from her surgery with no problems. We are looking forward to seeing everybody next time.

The first night was a wagon master's hot dog roast. Packets of things to do were handed out. There are lots of things to do and see in Mackinaw City.

The next morning we had donuts and then truck-pooled to Millcreek, a nature park with a working sawmill.

Saturday we went over the Mackinaw Bridge to Sault Ste. Marie. Wow, what a view. Once over the bridge we went to the Soo Locks and watched the freighters pass through. After lunch we took a boat tour and went through the locks ourselves. Jack took his bike along and since they wouldn't let him ride his bike through the locks decided to tour the city while we toured the locks.

Sunday was a free day. Don and Clara visited friends in the area. Others went shopping. That night a few took a sunset cruise under the Mackinaw Bridge.



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## THE REST OF KATHRYN'S KAMPING

and the NC Outing in September. Included in this newsletter are the registration forms for **Fun with Friends at Land between the Lakes** in October and **Diamond Hunting in Arkansas Outing** in November. **I NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HOST TWO POT LUCK DINNERS IN FLORIDA IN January and February.** Please call me so I can include the information in the next newsletter.

This newsletter has a **QUESTIONNEER** to be returned to me about the National and the Pre-rally Work Meeting. There will be lots of opportunities to help with the National and you are desperately needed. **THERE WILL ALSO BE LOTS OF FUN AT THE PRE-RALLY MEETING SO PLEASE COMPLETE AND GET IT BACK TO ME ASAP.** Kathryn.

## OUTING SCHEDULE

### 2002

**\*Indicates Registration Form included with this issue;**

August 21 - 28

Mr. Lincoln's Campground in Springfield, Illinois

September 18 - 25

Visit the president (small "p") in Fletcher, North Carolina

\*October 10 - 17

Land Between the Lakes in TN

\*November 7 - 14

Diamond State Park in Arkansas.

### 2003

January - Florida Pot Luck Lunch

February - Florida Pot Luck Lunch

March - Savannah, GA Outing

April - Chattanooga, TN Outing

May 7 - 14

Work Meeting in Sevierville, TN

May 14 - 21

ALFA NATIONAL RALLY

June - Staunton/Front Royal, VA

July - Lancaster, PA (Hershey)

August - NY Finger Lakes Area

Sept - Lobster Feast in Maine

Sept - LaSalle, IL

Oct - White Mts in PA

Nov - Thomasville, GA area

## FRESH WATER

Your ALFA is equipped with two fresh water systems: 1) a demand system that operates from the unit's water pump and the 100 gallon water tank and 2) city hookup.

The complete system consists of the water tank, water pump, accumulator (Gold Model), hot water heater, faucets, fixtures, and the necessary plumbing.

Over the next few issues we will cover each part and how it fits into the system.

The fresh water tank is located below the trailer floor. It is very wide and not very tall. The tank contains a water level sensor which can be read by depressing the water level button on the monitor panel. Because of the shape of the tank the water level should only be checked when the unit is level. The tank has a drain valve under your RV. The tank should always be drained during long periods of non-use. And should be cleaned (we will discuss how later) a minimum of every 90 days.

The tank can be filled two ways: 1) through the filler inlet on the curb side of the unit, and 2) through the bypass valve when the unit is connected to city water.. The bypass valve is located near the water pump.

Will all who have completed and/or are still working on silver-wear holders please contact Frieda Spencer at 561-379-4448 or spenc@pocketmail.com or 1415 Greenwood Rd, Baker, FL 32531. We need a count. Thanks.

## *The Bridges of Mackinaw County*

Monday we went to Mackinaw Island. No motor vehicles are allowed on the island - only horses and bicycles. We athletes - Roger, Jack and I biked the road around the island. The others, those who didn't mind looking at a horse's rearend most of the day, took a carriage ride. Everybody, including the horses, had a great day.

Tuesday evening we went to a Branson style show called "The Miracle of Music." It was a great show, and the miracle is that noone was deaf afterwards. It was a trival loud.

Some of us went to Tahguamenon Falls (the hyphen can go anywhere) on Wednesday. Tahguamenon Falls is Michigan's largest falls. Others took a drive to Petoskey. That night we had a pot luck and toured our rigs. The fellows asked Jack about his secret wall, and while everybody was jealous, it's not a secret anymore. Kathryn, the Sheriff, and Nancy, the Judge, handed out fines to the guilty. Everybody was guilty.

We were treated to two special morning treats - Clara's blueberry cake and Kathryn's coffee cake. We also had, and survived, Jack's "Death by Chocolate" dessert with the potluck.

Thursday, after donuts and coffee, we said goodbye, wished all a safe trip, and promised to see everyone again at future outings.

See what you missed by not coming!

Alfa Sunrisers

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**SUNRISERS DUES FORM:**

*Attention Sunrisers: All dues are due in April. Please complete the form below and mail to Nancy Dyke. If your dues have already been paid contact her so she can be sure her records are correct. See club officers listing.*

MEMBERSHIP \$10.00/year

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**SOME MORE IMPORTANT STUFF**

**FIRST ITEM:**

Two couples are needed to host the Sunriser's January and February Pot Luck Lunch Outings. You get to pick the dates and places. Now it just don't get any better than that. These events will be posted in the next newsletter with RSVP's to you. Please contact Kathryn Garrett (508-819-4717 to volunteer.

**SECOND ITEM:**

Please complete the questionnaire about your plans for the National ASAP and return it to Kathryn. She needs this information to help plan for the event. Please, please, participate. Have you ever wondered why the same people always participate? Has it occurred to you that it's because they have a lot of fun?

**THIRD ITEM:**

Reread the first two items and volunteer for something. Bill Tickel.