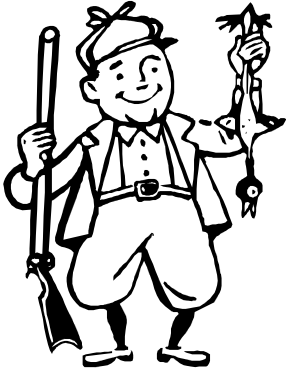


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SUNRISERS GAZETTE

AND NOW, HERE'S JIM



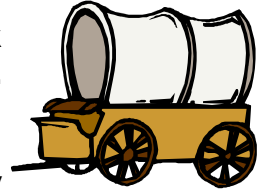
Your president has been very busy during September and October. Lynn and I were Wagon Masters at two ALFA rallies. In addition, I have been trying to fill the freezer with game

meat to carry us through the winter. When not Wagonmastering I have been bow hunting deer and squirrel in Virginia. The turkey season begins October 29th, deer (muzzle load) on November 11th, and deer (rifle) on November 18th. Turkey and deer (muzzle load) starts again in early December and lasts until January 4th. If you need me for anything you can reach me via email (I have my laptop with me) or leave a message at 276-655-4306.

The National Rally in May is fast approaching. This is the first time a National has been held east of the Mississippi. Let's make it the best National ALFA has ever had east or west of the Mississippi. We need everybody's help. Make plans on contacting either Kathryn Garrett or myself and volunteering to help. And plan on coming a week early to the pre-rally. We need all the help we can get. JL.

KATHRYN'S KAMPING

This has been a busy three months. I finished work on the **2003 Outing Schedule**. We have some wonderful outings planned for next year. Picnics in Florida in January and February, and Savannah and Chattanooga in the Spring on the way to National in May. Then into Pennsylvania and New York on the way to a Lobster Feast in Maine. There is a September outing in Northern Illinois, a Fall Leaves Festival in October, a Great Lakes Outing near Detroit (to see Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum), and a stop in Georgia in November. What a fun year!



Our outings (with all the other ALFA clubs) are posted on the Internet at **WWW.ALFALEISURE.COM** in the Owners Club Section. Check it out. There may be another club's outing planned in an area you are going to visit. Contact the Wagon Master to attend.

The Michigan Outing was a great success. We all had great fun. Nancy and Roger Dyke know so much about the area we could not see it all. There was only three rigs at the Wisconsin outing. Lynn Liddick has reported the Ashville and Land Between the Lakes outings in this issue. The Arkansas outing (and some others) was canceled because too few registered. You can't even give diamonds away these days.

Please mail your **National Registration Forms** ASAP. I need those and the **Prerally Work Meeting Forms** so I know how many spaces to hold for Sunrisers and how much help we will have.

There are registration forms with this newsletter for the Prerally, Fort Meyers, Sebring, Savannah, and Chattanooga. I want to see every member sometime during the year at an outing.

**ASHVILLE, NC & LAND
BETWEEN THE LAKES
OUTINGS**

By Lynn Liddick

The Ashville Outing was from Sept 18 to Sept 25. Six couples attended: Jim & Lynn Liddick, Rich & Fran Mull, Dave and Tish Parsons, Dick & Bev Stern, Jim & Judy Wheatley, and Fred & Sheri Yeater.

Happy Hour on Wednesday, the 18th, was four hours long. The weather and the fellowship was perfect.

After donuts on Thursday, we were off to walk and shop at Curb Market in Historic Downtown Hendersonville, followed by Judy's birthday with cake and singing. Four couples attended the Flat Rock Playhouse that evening for a rootin', tootin' musical.

Friday was started with a potluck breakfast featuring venison tenderloins cooked by the wagon master and side dishes by the others. Everyone was still at breakfast at 10 o'clock and since it was cool we built a campfire. Rich & Fran Mull were fined for arriving two days late and made it worse by stringing out 100 feet of line to get better reception for the races on Sunday.

After coffee and muffins on Saturday, Jimbo and JimBob put 2 pork shoulders and some chickens in the smoker for dinner that evening. It took six men sitting in six rockers drinking six packs over six hours to get the job done. The evening meal, with the trimmings done by six women, was super.

Sunday was used to rest up (continued on page 3)



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**START THINKING ABOUT
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO
HELP MAKE THE NA-
TIONAL A SUCCESS AND
THEN LET KATHRYN
KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE
DECIDED. EVERYBODY
HAS A TALENT.**

**WORDS FROM THE
HEAD SHED**

BY KATHRYN GARRETT

The ALFA Owners Club Board of Directors met in Pismo Beach, CA on October 1st and 2nd. Board members from each of the ALFA Clubs (chapters) attended. While the other Board members were there with their ALFAs, I flew in from Kansas and stayed in a nearby motel. I did not take my tent.

This was the meeting for me to present our plans for the National Rally in May, 2003. I reported to the Board that a contract had been signed with the RV Park for 150 spaces. The tent, table, chairs, lighting, and stage will be supplied by one company and that contract has also been signed. No contracts have been signed yet for catering since we are waiting to see if an ALFA Dealer will sponsor one of the meals.

I distributed the Registration Forms packets to the Board members for each club. Thanks to Frank Ayers for all his hard work in getting them ready. It is the same form which Nancy Dyke mailed to each of you.

I reviewed the Rally plans and identified those areas that other Clubs were being asked to help. Some suggestions were (continued on page 3)

OUTING SCHEDULE 2003

January 15 at 1 PM
Picnic in Fort Myers, FL

February 18 at 1PM
Picnic in Sebring, FL

March 6 - 11
Savannah, Georgia

April 17 - 22
Chattanooga, Tennessee

May 7 - 14
Work Meeting Pre-rally
in Sevierville, Tennessee

May 14 - 21
ALFA NATIONAL in
Sevierville, Tennessee

May 21 - 22
AAA Driving Course

June 12 - 17
Winchester, VA

July 3rd Weekend
Michigan Outing

July 10 - 15
Lancaster, PA

Aug 14 - 19
NY Finger Lakes

Sept 11 - 16
Lobster Feast in Maine

Sept 25 - 30
Northern Illinois Outing

Oct 9 - 14
Autumn Leaves in PA

November ??
Georgia Outing

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made, but in general the Board was very pleased with my status report.

The next item of business was about the National in 2004. The Sunseeker Chapter will sponsor it and presented information to the Board on their search for an RV Park in the Pacific Northwest. They are also expecting 150 rigs. They have an RV Park picked and are completing the contractual arrangements.

Pat Benson, the Board Secretary, said some of the Chapters are using slightly different wording on the Registration Release Clause. This was news to most of us. A vote was taken to make all Release Clauses read alike. Ours has been modified slightly to conform to this ruling.

ALFA was asked to upgrade the current speaker system because people complained at the last National that they could not hear in group meetings. Norm Benson, National Board President, will work with ALFA to purchase or rent a speaker system before the National 2003.

I asked again if ALFA

Ashville and Land Between the Lakes

from Saturday. It rained and we visited each other.

Monday saw five couples off to the Biltmore Estates for the day. Everyone went out that night for a steakhouse dinner.

Tuesday, after coffee, we celebrated Fred & Sheri's 25th anniversary. They received a silver Early Bird and Night Owl coffee scoop. Dave checked everybody's rig brakes with his amp meter. Then off to Lake Lure for the day. We had dinner that night on our own and met for comedy tapes, S'mores, Dick's reading of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," and Sheriff Tish's (noone escaped) fines.

Wednesday was pull day and we parted after a week of great fun.

There were only two couples at the Land Between the Lakes Outing, the Liddicks and the Dykes. We cooked out, shared dinners, had bonfires, and took long rides. It gave the president and secretary/treasurer the opportunity to know one another better.

would provide new owner information to the owners Club from the Purchase Registration Forms. The answer was NO, not even if the club furnished a volunteer to go to the factory to copy it. No further action on this is anticipated.

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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MORE WORDS FROM OUR FEARLESS LEADER

This issue of the Gazette is the last issue published by Bill Tickel.

Since many of you are newcomers to the Sunrisers I thought it apropos to share a little of Bill and Carolyn's history.

First, Bill and Carolyn were the founders and organizers of the Sunrisers. Bill served as the first president. The organizing rally with four ALFAs attending was in Tennessee at the Cross Eyed Cricket Campground.

Several years later after the service of other

hard working officers, Carolyn was elected president, and Bill became secretary/treasurer and editor. He volunteered to remain editor after the election of the current officers.

They are no longer full timers and Bill has asked to be relieved of his duties as editor.

Bill organized and lead a very successful rolling rally from Chattanooga to Quartzite, Arizona during their last tour of duty.

He is (or was) a Master Certified RV Technician and has agreed to write articles for the Gazette from time to time.