

## **PRESIDENT JIM Breece**

We hope that everyone is having a good, warm winter. The cold weather has finally reached Central Florida, but it still beats the weather they are having in Kentucky.

Since the holidays are over, we are looking forward to settling in and attending the potlucks here in Florida. In fact, we just came back from the potluck at the Parsons. The turkey, ham and other dishes were terrific, as were the desserts, but the fellowship was the best.

It is always great to meet other Alfa owners and get tips, learn about places to travel and other things from them. Sharing information is a goal of this club, so if you have any tips, ideas or cautions, let Dave Parsons know so he can include them in the Newsletter.

When it starts to warm up, I hope you will consider attending some of the summer outings. You will find them listed in the newsletter. Of course, one of my favorite suggestions would be to attend the outing in Nashville, TN in August. Gwen and I will be Wagon Masters and we are really looking forward to a large turnout. There are all sorts of things to do such as the Country Music Hall of Fame, Opry Mills for the shoppers, the Saturn Plant in Spring Hill, Nashville Night Life Dinner Theater and much, much more.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We hope to see you soon.

Jim and Gwen Breece

## **V P FRANK Ayers**

**Holly & I hope you enjoyed the holidays and wish everyone a prosperous New Year.**

Some dates and parks have to be finalized, however Dave has the 2005 Outing list posted to the club web site. Keep checking for updates.

### **Wheels, Tires, Springs and Axles**

I would like to make the following comments on vehicle safety based on what has happened to us and another Alfa owner over the past few months.

We have had two springs break while on the road in the last four months, one found while doing a pre-departure inspection while on the rolling rally, and the second 10 miles from our destination. Fortunately, we were able to get shut down and off the road before we sustained any further damage to tires or trailer.

Both were rear springs and snapped at the rear shackle approximately 1 to 1 1/2" from the bolt. Both had been cracked for some time prior to snapping. I would imagine it would be hard to find the crack without taking the spring off the trailer. Then if it was cracked, it might be so minute that it wouldn't be seen.

I take my trailer to the shop each spring to have the brakes, bearings and general road worthiness checked regardless of how many road miles we've traveled. I will now take that one step further and pull all the wheels and inspect the wheels, axles, springs, bolts, grease all fittings and tighten all bolts.

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**Next Gazette Deadline:**  
**April 1, 2005**

In each Gazette I would like to feature one (or 2 or 3) of our member's rigs. Please send me a photo of your rig. Email, snail mail, or whatever, and include name, rig desc, location, and date of photo.

Dave / Editor

## **V P FRANK**

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Two axle 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailers should have 7,000 lb rated axles with 3,500 lb. rated springs, the three axle 5<sup>th</sup>'s have 6,000 lb rated axles with the same 3,500 lb rated springs. To confirm your axle rating, you should crawl under the trailer to read the tag welded to the axle.

I found in talking to Dexter engineering that they now have a 4,500 lb rated spring out, however currently it's only available from the Elkhart Indiana plant.

In ordering or checking to see what type of spring you have, measure eye bolt to eye bolt, plus the width of the springs and number of leafs. Actual spring measurements are with the spring off the trailer in what the engineers call "relaxed" state. The measurements will not be the same if measured on the trailer – so keep that in mind if you have to order any.

## **ALFA SUNRISERS FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Here is a brief recap of the chapter's finances since the chapter split last fall.

A detailed accounting is available upon request:

### **INCOME:**

Sunriser share of funds when chapter was split	\$1,982.86
Trenton & Thomasville outing sheriff fines	\$39.06
Vest, patches, decal sales	\$290.00
Thomasville outing wagonmaster refund	\$105.00
Donations	\$70.00
2005 Chapter dues received	\$110.00
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	\$2,596.92

### **EXPENSES:**

2004 fall newsletter cost	\$254.00
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BALANCE 1/1/2005 \$2,342.92

Lloyd Corley  
Alfa Sunrisers Secretary/Treasurer



## HISTORIC THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA OUTING

Frank & Holly Ayers hosted the Sunrisers November Rally at Sugar Mill Plantation RV Park from November 4 - 9, 2004. The weather was great and everyone had a great time.



A cheese tasting at "Sweet Grass Dairy" started our Saturday and most of us found our way to the "Bread Wagon" for fresh bread and desserts.

Don and Cecile Dockery, Ron Davis and Frank enjoyed a round of Golf at Country Oaks.

Attending were: Dave & Tish Parsons, Jim & Gwen Breece, Lloyd & Betty Corley, Joe & Pauli Urbanski, Jim & Barbara Sells, Don & Cecile Dockery. Wel-



comed to their first rally were: Scott & Twyla Holsenbeck, Ron & Carol Davis and Roger & Janice Brooks.

Of course no rally would be complete without food. This rally was no different, the food was great! I



would like to thank all the members who prepared our snacks, evening meals and our Sunday Brunch. We understand that several members on their free time found the "Market Place Diner" for more than one meal. Don't know about the rest, but I took home a couple of extra pounds.



The group toured Pebble Hill Plantation which sits on 3,000 acres and dates back to 1827.



A must see for tourists in Thomasville is the 323 year old "Big Oak" tree, and a Rose Garden that has several different varieties of

roses.



Participate in a rally. Meet new members, those you haven't seen for a while and the fellowship that goes with RVing, you will enjoy it!

Frank & Holly Ayers



## Alfa Sunrisers Picnic On Pine Island

Saturday, January 15, 2005

A great time was had by all at the luncheon on Pine Island. Fortunately the weather cooperated by providing temps in the mid 70's, with no rain. Plenty of food was available as everyone brought a dish to share. Many enjoyed wandering around the grounds and trying to identify all the trees and shrubs.

A lively conversation followed about many aspects of RV'ing, and we all were able to learn something new.

Attending were: Dave & Tish Parsons — Wagonmasters, John & Maura Alexander, Ed & Betty Asbury, Frank & Holly Ayers, Jim & Gwen Breece, Roger & Janice Brooks, Hans & Hilde Butterwegge, William & Mary Carpenter, Ron & Carol Davis, Wayne & June Grissom, Steve & Carroll Lakotich, Mike & Karol Lippert, David & Judie Moore, Jim & Barbara Sells, Bob & Sandy Weis, and guests Bob & Faye Wilson and Russell & Judy Heltne.

### WWW.NOTES

By Dave Parsons

By now everyone knows our (Alfa sponsored) web site is:

[www.alfaleisure.com](http://www.alfaleisure.com)

After going to Alfa's home page, click on: "Owner's Club"; "Chapters", "Sun Risers".

Shortcut to "Sunrisers": [www.alfaleisure.com/members/chapters\\_details.php?id=5](http://www.alfaleisure.com/members/chapters_details.php?id=5)

Then 2 great forum type sites for asking questions about your Alfa are:

[www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/alfa5vers](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/alfa5vers) and [www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/alfaseeya](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/alfaseeya)

Here are a few more you might want to spend some time to browse through. Of course each one will provide links to many more web sites. So as you are browsing, if anything peaks your interest, write the address down, or you may never find it again. If you find any good sites, let me know.

[www.rversonline.org](http://www.rversonline.org)

[www.gocampingamerica.com](http://www.gocampingamerica.com)

[www.rv.org](http://www.rv.org)

[www.camping.about.com](http://www.camping.about.com)

[www.newrver.com/index.htm](http://www.newrver.com/index.htm)

[www.gorving.com](http://www.gorving.com)

[www.flyingj.com](http://www.flyingj.com)

[www.RoadNotes.com](http://www.RoadNotes.com)

[www.rvusa](http://www.rvusa)

[www.rvamerica.com](http://www.rvamerica.com)

[www.rvzone.com](http://www.rvzone.com)

[www.petrotruckstops.com](http://www.petrotruckstops.com)

[www.loves.com](http://www.loves.com)

[www.tatravelcenters.com](http://www.tatravelcenters.com)

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Robert & Margie Albertson	Cumming, GA	John & Maura Alexander	N. Ft. Myers, FL
Michael & Amanda Beach	Orange Beach, AL	Tom & Ellen Blair	Lewisville, NC
Billy Bolin	Clossett, AR	Jack & Nancy Buening	Jacksonville, FL
George Burkett	Geneva, FL	George Callahan	Green Cove Springs, FL
Bruce & Becky Carawon	Orange Park, FL	Ed & Sharon Christner	Winter Haven, FL
Joe & Frances Clayton	Sumter, SC	Joseph Cone	Branford, GA
Bill & Jennifer Crosland	Powell, TN	Douglas Dunlop	Lutz, FL
Bobby & Shirley Dyer	Clarksville, GA	Christian & Carolyn Eck	Calico Rock, AR
Richard Ellerman	Arcadia, FL	Bill & Pat Favero	Arcadia, FL
Maurice Fitzsimons	Daphne, AL	Charlie Frey	Jacksonville, FL
Glenn Goble	Titusville, FL	Bill Hahnlein	New Smyrna Beach, FL
Daniel Halm	Ft. Pierce, FL	Larry Hanna	Myrtle Beach, SC
Kevin & Andrea Harvey	Laplata, MD	Craig Jordan	Talladega, AL
Earl Joyce	Coral Springs, FL	Dennis King	Ormond Beach, FL
Ed & Martha Klaymeier	Tallahassee, FL	Gerald & Betty Lake	Virginia Beach, VA
Phillip Luney	Poinciana, FL	Francis J. Marsh	Charlotte, NC
Don & Marilee Matz	Landrum, SC	Jim & Shirlee Moomau	Advance, NC
Ken Palmer	Concord, NC	Robert Pence	S. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Doug & Mary Perkinson	Alachua, FL	Leland Reavis	Gulf Breeze, FL
Dennis Schaible	Bumpass, VA	Robert A. Scheck	Jacksonville, FL
Michael & Christine Sheran	Lake Susy, FL	Richard W. Smith	Hartselle, AL
Alan Spector	Plantation, FL	Sonny & Kathy Vittone	Port St. Lucie, FL
Richard & Sharon Wassberg	Cape Coral, FL	Bob & Sandy Weis	Winter Haven, FL
Chris Wenk	Fayetteville, NC	Joe Zednick	Fort Walton Beach, FL

**SUNRISERS MEMBERSHIP**

Please send \$20.00 dues and/or change of address to:

Lloyd Corley  
Secretary/Alfa Sunrisers  
5000 Timberlane Drive  
Cocoa, FL 32926

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNRISERS DUES FORM:**

Attention Sunrisers: Annual dues are due in April of each year. If you have not yet paid for year 2005, please use the form at left, and mail \$20 to Lloyd Corley. If you have paid, thank you.



**REMEMBER:**

If there are any changes (or errors) in your address, phone number, email, cell ph., or whatever, please use this form and mail the corrections to Lloyd.



# Sunrisers Chapter Outing

Date: May 5 - 10, 2005

Place: Zooland Resort and Campground  
3671 Pisgah Covered Bridge Rd.  
Asheboro, NC 27205

Telephone: 336-381-3422

Wagon Master: **NEEDED**

Telephone:

Cost: \$25.00

Water/Sewer/Electric Full Hookup 30 and 50 Amp available

Directions: Approximately three miles from U.S. Interstate 73/74 (Hwy 220) at Exit 51.

Deadline: April 5, 2005

If your REGISTRATION is mailed close to the due date, please notify the Wagon Master so you are included in the final count given to the RV Park

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*SUNRISERS OUTING  
Ashland, NC  
May 5-10, 2005  
REGISTRATION FORM*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone [    ] \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ First Outing Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>th</sup> Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ 30 AMP \_\_\_\_\_ 50 AMP \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposits & Registration:**

Check [dated 4/5/2005] to Frank Ayers for \$15.00 [Wagon Master fee]

Check [dated 4/5/2005] to Zooland Resort and Campground for \$25.00

Please attach your check[s] for the TOTAL[s] due with the completed signed copy of the registration form.

Mail Registration Form and both checks to: Frank Ayers 214 Cardinal Ridge Rd. Thomasville, GA 31792-8842

**SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY**

We agree that we shall not hold *alfa* Leisure, Inc., the *alfa* Owners club, nor any officer, employee or agent of either, responsible for any personal injury of any kind which we or any member of our family may suffer during the campout. This agreement applies regardless of the cause of the injury and includes, without limiting it, whether said injury is caused by a condition of the premises, another club member, or any other person. [We make this agreement in consideration of the expenses, which *alfa* Leisure, Inc. and the *alfa* Owners Club incur by holding the campout for our benefit, and recognize that in signing this paper we may be waiving a legal right to recover damages.

Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Sunrisers Chapter Outing

Historic  
St. Augustine, Florida

Date: June 1 - 5, 2005

Place: Beachcomber Outdoor Resort in Vilano Beach Telephone: 904-824-9157  
A1A North of St. Augustine, FL

Wagon Master: Don and Sonja Smith Telephone: Home: 904-645-3400 / Cell 904-237-2932  
Fax 904-645-0643 / Email: [marpol\\_v@msn.com](mailto:marpol_v@msn.com)

Cost: \$25.00 Water/Sewer/Electric Full Hookup 30 and 50 Amp available

Directions: From St. Augustine, Florida, about 4 miles north on Hwy A1A, and Coastal Hwy.

Deadline: May 1, 2005

If your REGISTRATION is mailed close to the due date, please notify the Wagon Master so you are included in the final count given to the RV Park

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SUNRISERS REGISTRATION FORM  
**Historic St. Augustine, FL**  
June 1—5, 2005

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ First Outing Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>th</sup> Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ 30 AMP \_\_\_\_\_ 50 AMP \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposits & Registration:**

Check [dated 1/June/2005] to Donald & Sonja Smith for \$15.00 [Wagon Master fee]

Check [dated 1/June/2005] to Beachcomber Campground \$25.00

Please attach your check[s] for the TOTAL[s] due with the completed signed copy of the registration form.

Mail Registration Form and both checks to: Don & Sonja Smith 13231 Huguenot Lane Jacksonville, FL 32225

**SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY**

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Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_





# Sunrisers Chapter Outing

Nashville, Tennessee



Date: August 18 - 24, 2005

Place: Jellystone Park  
Music Valley Drive

Telephone 1-800-547-4480

Wagon Master: Jim & Gwen Breece

Telephone: 863-420-0034

Cost: \$32.00 + tax for 30 Amp, \$36.00 + Tax for 50 Amp Water/Sewer/Electric Full Hookup

Directions: Exit 12 on SR 155 Opryland, Dr or Riley Parkway to Music Valley Drive, then right [North] to Jellystone

Deadline: July 18, 2005

If your REGISTRATION is mailed close to the due date, please notify the Wagon Master so you are included in the final count given to the RV Park

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## SUNRISERS REGISTRATION FORM Nashville, Tennessee August 18 - 24, 2005

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone [     ] \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ First Outing Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ 30 AMP \_\_\_\_\_ 50 AMP \_\_\_\_\_

### Deposits & Registration:

Check [dated 7/18/2005] to Jim & Gwen Breece for \$15.00 [Wagon Master fee]

Check [dated 7/18/2005] to Jellystone Park \$32.00 [30 amp] or \$36.00 [50 amp]

Please attach your check[s] for the TOTAL[s] due with the completed signed copy of the registration form.

Mail Registration Form and both checks to: Jim & Gwen Breece, 906 St. George Dr. Davenport, FL 33837

### SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY

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