

PRESIDENT
FRANK AYERS

FROM THE RVeep
JOHN CROES

Greetings Sunrisers

Holly and I welcome all new members since the last edition of the Gazette. As always, we hope to meet you at a future rally.

We just completed the Outer Banks Light House rally at Camp Hatteras, NC. John & Carroll Croes hosted a great rally that unfortunately was impacted by Tropical Storm Hanna. A great turn out of 27 members attended. We enjoyed seeing the Lighthouses and various sites on the Outer Banks prior to Hanna making her entrance.

The Outer Banks escaped the brunt of the storm where we only had approximately 24 hours of high winds and some rain. Not having visited a beach coastal area for a while, we forgot how the daily salt spray covers everything. Some of us experienced air conditioning problems, probably from low line voltage during the height of the storm. Most of the problems were correct by a parts replacement.

I will be working with our webmaster Dan Harvey on the pictures for the website during the Crossville, TN rally. Hopefully when were done the Outer Banks pictures will be posted and the current rally pictures will be re-accomplished.

We will also be taking the recommendations on the web site made during the Outer Banks rally for incorporation as needed.

Our search continues for any information on Alfa parts, vendors etc. As you may know a group of ex-Alfa employees have started a service center in California. Their web site is: <http://www.alfateersrvservice.com/>

John will have a review of potential rallies in his article so keep checking the Gazette and journal on the website for updates.

We are working our way from the Outer Banks to Crossville, TN and St. Augustine, FL and hope to see you there.

Please keep those Sunrisers in your thoughts that may be sick, or have recently lost family members.

Regards, Frank

From the RVeep

The Lighthouse Rally at the Outer Banks is now in the history books. Although we saw several lighthouses, this rally may be remembered as the Hanna rally. We all had a great time and tropical storm Hanna was more of an anxiety event than a threat to our coaches or our safety. We met in the club house while the winds were creating a "bad hair day" and discussed the survey results and also discussed the duties of being wagon masters. Carroll and I are writing an article that is also a part of this edition of the Gazette so I will focus this column on the rally schedules for the remainder of 2008 and for 2009 as well as the results of our survey "Planning for the Future".

2008 Rally Schedule

October 2nd -8th - Bean Pot Campground, Crossville, TN. Wagon Masters Dave and Laurie Nicholls daven-icholls@juno.com and their co-wagon masters, Glen and Marlene Thomas beetracking@glenmar.us

November 6th-11th - Ocean Grove RV Resort , St. Augustine, FL. Wagon masters Tom and Pat Gunn tommyagunn@yahoo.com or mypatgunn@aol.com. See the calendar on the Alfa Sunrisers website for more information on either of these two rallies.

2009 Rally Schedule

January 14th-18th - **Florida RV Super Rally**, Tampa, FL. Wagon Masters Doug and Mary Perkinson the2perkins@aol.com. Note: we will assemble a day before the rally begins so we can go in as a group and be parked together just as we did this past Jan. Please send your registration form directly to Doug and Mary so they can submit all registrations together. You will be hearing more from Doug and Mary in the near future. They will be at the Crossville and the St. Augustine rallies with registration forms. If you need a form sooner, contact them at their email address. **ALSO SEE LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER**

Mid to late August (TBD) Carthage Gap Campground, Coolville, Ohio - Wagon masters Frank and Holly Ayers.

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September 16th-20th - Lobster Fest Rally, Timberland Acres RV Park, Trenton, Maine. Wagon masters Ron and Carol Davis davisrc@htn.net.

November (dates & park TBD) Charleston, South Carolina - Wagon masters-Genie and Howard Stein.

ALSO SEE PAGE 3 IN THIS EDITION FOR THE SCHEDULE OF RALLIES—THIS IS WHERE CHANGES AND UPDATES WILL BE MADE IN THE FUTURE, AND FOR 2009.

Planning for the Future Survey Results

I will summarize the results of the survey in a few sentences.

The majority of the respondents want the club to remain an Alfa club as it now exists. We have no control over what happens at the National organization or if it will remain intact.

No actions to allow other than Alfa RV owners at this time. There may be some provisions made to allow Alfa Owners/present members to remain in the club if they trade their Alfa for some other brand. This will be discussed in the future, hopefully before the situation arises. Only two responses were in favor of allowing non-Alfa owners to join the club. Non-Alfa owners are always welcome at our rallies as guests of club members.

Fuel prices did not seem to be a big issue yet with most respondents. This could change if the price of fuel goes much higher. Rallies that were long distances (over 300 miles) would be judged on their merit before decisions were made by the respondents.

Technical and social events were both important to the respondents and the overwhelming feelings were to keep the rallies just as they have been in the past.

The web site was something that several members need more help to understand how to navigate around. Our webmaster, Dan Harvey, will be conducting a training session at the Crossville rally.

Everyone seems to understand the liability issues we face as a club now that Alfa Leisure is no longer in operation. We have a new Hold Harmless agreement that all rally attendees will be asked to sign as part of registration. All future registration forms will have the new wording for the Hold Harmless clause as part of the form.

If you have not yet filled out a survey form, please feel free to send it to me soon. The final results will be summarized and presented at the membership meeting at the St. Augustine rally. The survey form is included in this newsletter should you need a copy.

Hope to **See Ya** soon!

John Croes

SUNRISERS OUTING SCHEDULE

For more info, visit the
SUNRISERS web page at:
www.sunrisers.org
or contact the
Outing Coordinator

2008

January 15-20, 2008—Tampa RV
Show Rally—Wagon Masters: Ron &
Carol Davis

**April 7-15 or 16 ROLLING
RALLY TO NATIONALS.
INFORMATION ON PAGE 5**

April 16-22, 2008—National Rally
in Montgomery, Texas—Lake Con-
roe/Houston North KOA
Wagon Masters: Ron & Carol Davis

September 3-9/10, 2008 - Camp
Hatteras RV Resort, Waves
(Rodanthe), NC (Outer Banks) . Co-
Wagon Masters: John & Carroll
Croes, e-mail SeaCroes@aol.com and
Mike & Carol Callahan.

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October 2-8, 2008— Crossville,
Tennessee . Bean Pot Campground
Wagon Masters: Dave & Laurie Nich-
ols. E-mail: Davenicholls@juno.com
**Note: the dates for this rally are dif-
ferent from the original dates posted.
THE REGISTRATION FORM HAS
BEEN CORRECTED**

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November 6-11, 2008—
Ocean Grove RV Resort, St.
Augustine, Fl.
Wagon Masters: Tom & Pat Gunn
E-mail: or mypatgunn@aol.com.

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**PLEASE CHECK THE WEB SITE
FOR THE AGENDA OF THE
OUTINGS. CHECK OFTEN AS
THE AGENDA WILL BE UP-
DATED AS NECESSARY**

** Registration form and
complete information included
with this newsletter.

- Wagon master needed.

Next Gazette Deadline:

- **DECEMBER 10, 2008**

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES/EDITOR'S CORNER

All members are encouraged to submit any articles to the Editor for pub-
lishing in the Sunrisers Gazette. Pictures are also appreciated.

Please remember that your Editor will publish most anything you send in,
but she has no way of being your author.

Please submit all articles via email. (So she can "cut and paste".)

The e-mail address is: msa1027@bellsouth.net

Robert & Margie Albertson

THE WEB SITE ADDRESS IS: <http://www.sunrisers.org>

PLEASE CHECK OFTEN FOR UPDATES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**TO CONTACT THE WEB MASTER (DAN HARVEY) USE THE
FOLLOWING E-MAIL ADDRESS: Dan.Harvey@sunrisers.org
or Webmaster@sunrisers.org
"Send you Scenic and/or Wildlife photos to Dan for display
on the web site".**

**133 members, out of 233 or 56.8% of the members on the
roster, which includes former Sunchasers members have
paid 2008 dues. Dues are still being accepted and should
be sent in payable to Jim Moomau. The form for sending in
your dues can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.**

**CHECK OUT PAGE 4 FOR SOME VERY
INTERESTING INFORMATION!!!**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2008
THEY ARE NOW PAST DUE. PLEASE CONSIDER RE-
NEWAL AND SEE THE INSTRUCTION ON PAGE 4.**



CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

IMPORTANT MESSAGES & CHANGES

HERE!! PLEASE READ!!!!

\$\$\$ IMPORTANT MESSAGE \$\$\$

SUNRISERS DUES FORM: IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID 2008 DUES THEY ARE PAST DUE!!!

Attention Sunrisers: Annual dues are due in April of each year. Please use the form below, and mail \$20 to Jim Moomau. ***Please make your check payable to "Jim Moomau".*** Note "Sunrisers dues" on memo line. Don't forget to include the year you are paying for. **PLEASE DO THIS TO AVOID BEING DROPPED FROM OUR ROSTER.**

If you have already paid, thank you!

PLEASE NOTE JIM'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: jemoomau@yahoo.com

SUNRISERS MEMBERSHIP PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR JIM & SHIRLEE

Name: _____	Please send \$20.00 dues and/or change of address to:
Address: _____	
City: _____	Jim Moomau
State / Zip: _____	Treasurer/Alfa Sunrisers
	430 Easton Grey Loop
	Cary, NC 27519
Telephone: _____	Email: _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

All members are reminded that for all change of addresses, correction to any errors of any of your information, members should notify (email) the club Treasurer and newsletter Editor.

As we have no reliable way of handling temporary seasonal changes, please make sure you notify us when going south for the winter, and home for the summer, or whatever your moves are. PLEASE USE THE FORM ABOVE.

Sunriser Name Tags

During our outings we like our members and quest to wear a name tag. Though not mandatory an example of our Sunriser name tag is below. The tags are 3"x2" and can be ordered from Jim & Gwen Breece. They are \$7.50, please let Jim and Gwen know if you want one. Contact Information

E-mail: Gwen832@msn.com or by Cell @ 270-991-5548



ALFA OWNERS CLUB NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Bakersfield, CA September 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM with the Salute to the Flag. The new NBD members for the Roadrunners, Jim & Dorothy Collard, were introduced. All clubs, except the Lonestars were represented at this meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting on April 23, 2008 were approved.

Old Business :

The only old business discussed was the publication of the Alfa Sun. The president hopes to get an edition out in the next month or two and it will be sent via email to the board members and presidents of each club.

New Business:

The topics discussed were: **The Status of the Owners Club & Policy & By-law Changes.**

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that the National owners club's main purpose is to have an Annual National Rally, and to keep all the clubs advised of the various outings throughout the country. No one felt it was the National Board's responsibility to keep all members informed on service issues, repair centers, etc., all those areas that we looked to Alfa Leisure to provide for us. We discussed incorporating and having an umbrella Liability Insurance Policy to cover all clubs, but no decision was made, nor was it deemed necessary. We did receive a list of "Recommended Service Centers" but other than Dick Albritton, all locations were in California. We got a list of the Alfa Parts Providers that we will forward to Dan & John to post on the website. There will be a questionnaire distributed to the attendees of the 2009 Bakersfield Rally that will determine whether the National Board should continue and whether or not there will be additional National Rallies. That decision was not made at this meeting.

The Bylaws were rewritten to eliminate all references to Alfa Leisure and include a new Hold Harmless Clause. It was decided to drop the name "Sundancers" to avoid confusion and simply be the Alfa Owners Club. We made numerous changes to both the Bylaws and the Policies and copies will be sent to the presidents of each club.

Rally 2009 to be held in Bakersfield, California, April 29th-May 5th:

The registration forms will be distributed to the club presidents online for distribution to the members or posting on the website by mid- October. This will be the first rally without financial backing of Alfa Leisure and will determine if future rallies are feasible. The Mavericks, the smallest owner's club with just 27 members, are the host club.

The newly formed company, The Alfateers RV Service, owned by the former service manager with Alfa, John Goldstein, will be doing service on site at the rally. There will be a form to sign up for the needed service and the owner will be responsible for the expense of all parts and labor to be billed at \$70 to \$75 per hour.

The registration fee of \$100 will cover the cost of 2 meals, the Welcome Dinner and the Farewell Dinner

A choice of several outings will be available all with additional fees:

Bus Tour to the Reagan Library or Wine Tasting tour, both including lunch \$75 per person

Tour to the Kern County Museum w/an early dinner, \$25 per person

An evening at Buck Owens Crystal Palace, Museum, Show & Dinner, \$49 per person

The club is working very hard to try to make this a great Rally! If anyone in our club plans to attend, please let us know. The Mavericks need a good estimate of attendees as soon as possible.

Seeya,

Ron & Carol Davis

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The Lighthouse Rally: aka Tropical Storm Hanna Rally

The official start of the fall rally season for the **Alfa Sunrisers** began at the Outer Banks of North Carolina (OBX). The rally was scheduled to begin two days after Labor Day in order to take advantage of significantly lower rates at camp grounds which are in high demand during the summer months. This year's rally presented some additional excitement for the wagon masters and the rally participants. While most of us were packing our coaches with beach umbrellas and other seaside items, Mother Nature was lining up something else for us. Names like *Hanna, Ike, and Josephine* were lining up off the coast of Africa and all we could do now was watch and hope. Due to the lighter than normal tourist season at **CAMP HATTERAS**, our base for the rally, we had over 50% of our attendees already checked in and seeing the sites of the OBX 3-6 days before the rally began. The management of the campground was absolutely wonderful to work with and was always available to assist us with any issues that arose.

Our opening night in the park's wonderful clubhouse started with our typical over abundance of great food prepared by the rally attendees. After we ate, each couple got up and told the group a little about themselves, their families, their children and grandchildren, their pets, their woes. As the evening progressed, it was quite evident that many of our couples missed their calling as stand up comedians. After each couple finished telling the group all their secrets, they then selected a beautiful bead nametag necklace hand made by one of the co-wagon masters, **Carol Callahan**. Unfortunately, **Mike and Carol Callahan** were unable to attend the rally due to the passing of Carol's mother. The night was also filled with laughter as the Gator bunch and the Seminole bunch traded barbs. The Sheriff (unknown at this time to the group) was not a "happy camper" when a couple from New York, as first timers, selected the only orange and blue necklace. Needless to say, this **chicken would come home to roost** when the sheriff and his side kick, "The Hanging Judge" (both avid Gator fans) began their arrests and trials the last night of the rally.

With Hanna still active and her path still unknown, the date to tour the Hatteras lighthouse was changed to Thursday. After viewing the video **Move of the Century**, a documentary about how Hatteras Lighthouse was moved inland to save it from the receding shore line which would have doomed this magnificent structure within a few years, we all caravanned to the lighthouse. We had our group picture taken by **Frank Ayers** with the light house as our back drop. Unfortunately, the cloudy skies were not on the outer banks yet so we were all in very intense sunlight on a very hot day with no cloud cover. This makes taking a group picture a very daunting task. As you might imagine, Frank also had the task of trying to "herd cats" in order to take the picture. As soon as we all finished viewing the lighthouse, (some brave souls even climbed to the top), and visiting the museum and gift shops, we then drove South to the ferry boats to venture to **Okracoke Island** for lunch, viewing the Okracoke light house, and visiting the various gift shops that sell the Edward Teach (Blackbeard the Pirate) paraphernalia that was marked down for season.

On Friday night, we took over **Uncle Pauly's Restaurant** for a most wonderful meal. The décor of the restaurant was surf board and island life. Bright colors were the order of the day. **Paul Tate**, our host, closed the restaurant to the public so the restaurant was full of rowdy Sunrisers for the evening. We all enjoyed our meals that were "fit for a king". The fresh fish or the great Prime Rib was cooked to perfection. Paul also donated several shirts and hats that were used as door prizes.

Later in the evening it became evident that the outer banks and Camp Hatteras would be affected in some way by the now Tropical Storm Hanna. The Weather Channel had one of its reporters near our campground (at the house where the soon to be released movie **Nights in Rodanthe** was filmed). His predictions for Hanna's impact seemed to be much different from the NOAA web site that **Jeannette Straight**, the campground General Manager, was watching for us. According to the NOAA predicted path, Hanna was going to go quite a bit West of the Outer Banks. Based on Jeannette's 20+ years of working at Camp Hatteras and the path predicted by NOAA, the decision was made to shift the activities of the rally to **inside the clubhouse** for Saturday. A few of our attendees chose to head inland on Saturday morning while the rest of us settled in an air conditioned clubhouse with snacks and beverages while discussing the duties and rewards of being a wagon master. In the afternoon we discussed the results of the **Planning for the Future Survey**, followed by **Frank Ayers** leading a short discussion of using the Alfa Sunrisers web site for fun and profit. By late afternoon the skies were turning blue, the rains had stopped and the winds had subsided to light breeze status which provided the conditions for one of the most beautiful sunsets we were to see during the rally. The worst of Hanna for us was basically no more than a "bad hair day". Sunday was a free day and the rally participants disappeared very early to make up lost time and headed north to Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, and Corolla visiting places like the Wright Brothers Museum and a monument commemorating the first flight and the Currituck Beach Lighthouse. While in Nags Head, **Jan and Bill Larson** found a T shirt that would incorporate an idea that **Ed and Martha Klaymeier** had presented to the rally attendees (hold on-the answer will be obvious in a minute). Sunday night was the wagon masters cook out. Some of the best fresh fish in the Atlantic was purchased with the help of "**Queen Liz**", a local entrepreneur who runs a fish and produce market less than one mile from Camp Hatteras. Much to the surprise of the wagon masters, no one wanted their fish fried so the wagon masters set about to line up enough grills and cooks for the evening. This presented a problem since the wagon masters had already lined up **John Evans** to fry the fish that we expected some people to request. Not to be deterred, John became the head chef "*what's in charge*" for preparing the fish. He took the "fish by the gills" and started cutting, spicing, dunking in olive oil and sending it on to the grills which were operated by **Alex and Christie Griffin, Tom and Lee O'Connell, and John Croes**.

John Evans had everyone with fish as fast as the hungry eaters could grab the filets off the platters. We had many rave reviews on the great taste and gourmet seasoning of the fish with many proclaiming that it was some of the best fish they had eaten in a long time. Hats off to our chefs and to all the other members who prepared another round of delicious dishes to compliment our fish dinner.

Monday morning marked another beautiful day on the Outer Banks and the rally members again turned north toward the T-Shirt Whirl store in Nags Head. The store was swamped with 30-35 Alfa Sunrisers who wanted the **I Survived Hanna** tee shirt complete with our club name and rally date (see picture below). In addition to 41 rally shirts purchased, several other style shirts and trinkets were purchased. After the "Big Shirt Sale" we all went to different spots to eat or improve the "after Labor Day" economy of Nags Head.



Our Motley Crew on Monday Night

Monday night, our last night to gather as a group for this rally, was scheduled to be "left-overs night". Some people apparently did not understand the concept of "left-overs" as the amount of food we had would have fed a small army and much of it was freshly prepared. After everyone was stuffed, it was time for the door prize awards and maybe a visit from the sheriff. Just as the wagon masters were starting their announcements, **Sheriff Doug** "shoot em and ask questions later" **Perkinson** and his trusty side Kick **Mary** "The Hanging Judge" **Perkinson**, boldly entered the room and took over the meeting. Sheriff Doug, with his black hat was a commanding presence that no one was willing to escort out of the meeting. He fined everyone, offered amnesty to us all for not wearing name tags (few takers), and basically showed no mercy on Seminole fans. **Lee O'Connell**, a first time Alfa Sunrisers rally attendee, who resides in New York received the harsh treatment from Sheriff **Doug** and Judge **Mary** for selecting the necklace with the Gator colors. Ignorance of the law was no excuse in Judge **Mary's** eyes. The Sheriff was very severe on wagon master **Carroll Croes**, who in the Sheriff's eyes could not even spell her own name correctly. Judge **Mary** showed that she had a heart by not levying fines on **Carroll** (should be Carol or Carole in the Sheriff's book) for this offense. Judge **Mary** then recognized **Linda Evans** for being a "super trooper" by participating in everything in spite of having a broken foot and being on crutches. This did not please the Sheriff who was about to levy a fine on Linda for *holding up the food line*.

After the Sheriff and Judge sucked every quarter out of the room, it was time for door prizes. **Jim Breece** had the honor of selecting the person who in his opinion made our 18 first timers (9 couples) feel the most welcome and a part of our group. Jim's choice was **John Evans** who proved that he could be more than head chef for a fish cook out. For this recognition, John was the first person to select a door prize. A ticket drawing was then held to give out the remaining door prizes. The next morning, motor homes and 5th wheel hauling rigs were starting up as early as 6 AM to begin the trip to their next destination. Many were heading home to clean up their RV's and repack again in preparation for the trip to the Crossville, TN rally beginning on October 2nd, and then on to the St. Augustine Rally in November.

See Ya there!

John and Carroll Croes, Wagon Masters



*Alfa Sunrisers Outer Banks Light House Rally
Camp Hatteras - Waves, NC
September 3 - 9, 2008*

Wagon Masters - John & Carroll Croes

Front Row

L - R: John & Carroll Croes, Jim & Barbara Sells, Jim & Shirlee Moomau, Frank & Shirlene Chewing, Alex & Christie Griffin, Marty & Nanci Istock, Douglas & Mary Perkinson, Glen & Marlene Thomas, Genie & Howard Stein, Tom & Lee Walton O'Connell, John & Linda Evans

Second Row

L - R Frank & Holly Ayers, Malcolm & Jackie Underwood, Jim & Gwen Breece, Martha & Ed Klaymeier, Bill & Jan Larson, Ken & Helen Terry, Bob & Brenda Terhune

Third Row

L - R Don & Gloria Kimmel, Bob & Butch Post, Richard & Bonnie Redlinger, John Santee & Marcia Mengel, Paul & Kathy, Raleigh, Bob & Julie Luce, David & Annyce Henson, Lloyd & Betty Corley

Alfa Sunrisers Planning for the Future Survey

With all that has happened in the past few months, it is time to re-assess the direction you the membership want your club to go in. With Alfa closing its doors, fuel prices' climbing out of sight, your input is most important to the future direction of our club. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey and send it to John Croes, our events Coordinator who will use this information when we have open discussions at the next 3 rallies this year. Even if you plan to attend one or all of the rallies, please send in your survey form so we will have a better idea of the direction you want to see us take in order to present the survey results at the meetings to be held at each of the next 3 rallies. Our by-laws will have to be modified to reflect the wishes of the club membership. Note: RV is used in this survey to reflect both 5th wheel RV's as well as motor homes

1) With Alfa no longer in business, should we continue to be an Alfa only club or should we admit people with other brands of RV? (circle one)

- Alfa RV only allowed for full membership
- Once a member, always a member regardless of brand (if I trade, I can still remain a member if I so choose)
- Let anyone join our club regardless of make of their RV
- Make it Alfa only for 3-4 years then allow membership to all brands of RVs

2) The future direction of the Alfa Sunrisers should be: (circle one)

- Same focus as in the past-part social, part technical assistance
- With Alfa out of the picture, increase the focus on technical seminar assistance both at rallies and on the website.
- I don't care for the technical seminars-I have all my work done at an RV repair shop.

3) Rising fuel prices will impact my travels: (circle all that apply)

- None at all-This is our retirement dream and we plan to live it!
- We will judge each rally on its merits and location-fuel costs will weigh on our travel plans
- We will not be traveling to more than one or two rallies each year
- We will only consider rallies that are within 300 miles of home
- We are full timers and will schedule our travels around rallies
- We are planning to sell our RV and get out of the club

4) The web site: (circle one)

- We go to the web site at least once a week. Great tool. Helps us stay in touch with club and technical information
- We know there is a web site but we do not use it much
- We would like to use the web site more but do not really understand enough to navigate very well around the various links
- A web site? Did not know we even had one active

5) When we attend rallies, the activity we enjoy most is: (circle one)

- Technical seminars or discussions
- Meal time and pot lucks
- Spending time with other club members
- Free time to explore local attractions on our own
- Planned events or tours of a local or nearby attraction
- Evening get togethers for cards or sing alongs

6) If increased dues or wagon master fees become necessary to fund liability costs, it will: (circle one)

- Not impact us in the least- we understand the need to protect the membership of the club from liability issues
- Make us think twice about attending rallies or remaining club members-would like to know more about this
- Cause us to leave the club-do not want any additional costs; fuel is already hurting our RV activities budget

7) Location of future rallies (circle all that apply)

- Will attend rallies close to home
- Will decide after seeing location and events planned if we will travel beyond 200-300 miles away from home
- Would like more rallies held at events like the Tampa RV Show
- Would like to see more Alfa Sunrisers club publicity and active participation in FMCA (Alfa See Ya's) rallies.

8) Where would you like to see a rally held in the next 2 years?

9) Please add any comments or add any issues you would like to see discussed at the upcoming rallies to give direction to our Planning for the Future campaign.

Thank you for your help. Please mail this survey to: John Croes, 368 Johnson Circle, Clinton, TN 37716 or send comments to John at JCroes@aol.com.



Holly needs recipes for the Recipe Corner of the Gazette. Please forward your favorite to be included in future editions and to be added to our collection on the web site. Email to fhavers@yahoo.com

THE RECIPE CORNER

CHINESE COLE SLAW by Marcia Mengel

Ingredients:

1-1lb package slaw mix
1-bunch green onions (chopped with greens)
1-cup sunflower seeds
1/2-cup slivered almonds
2-packages Raman noodles (beef or chicken)
combine slaw & onions
chill overnight

Dressing:

1-cup oil
1/2-cup sugar
1/3-cup vinegar
2-seasoning packets from noodles
can mix dressing ahead of time & refrigerate

When ready to serve:

add broken noodles, sunflower seeds, almonds & dressing mixture

PUMPKIN LASAGNA

BY: DAN HARVEY

FOR NUTRITION INFO SEE WEB SITE—MAIN DISHES

1. 2 tablespoons olive oil
2. 2 onions, chopped
3. 2 pounds Swiss chard, tough stems removed, leaves washed well and chopped
4. 2 1/4 teaspoons salt
5. 1 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
6. 1 teaspoon dried sage
7. 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
8. 3 cups canned pumpkin puree
9. 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
10. 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan
11. 1/2 cup milk
12. 9 no-boil lasagna noodles
13. 1 tablespoon butter

Cooking Directions

1. In a large nonstick frying pan, heat the oil over moderately low heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about 5 minutes. Increase the heat to moderately high and add the chard, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon sage, and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg. Cook, stirring, until the chard is wilted and no liquid remains in the pan, 5 to 10 minutes.
2. Heat the oven to 400 degrees F. In a medium bowl, mix together 2 cups of the pumpkin, 3/4 cup cream, 1/2 cup Parmesan, and the remaining 1 1/4 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon sage, and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg.
3. Pour the milk into an 8-by-12-inch baking dish. Top the milk with one third of the noodles, then spread half the pumpkin mixture over the noodles. Layer half the Swiss chard over the pumpkin and top with a second layer of noodles. Repeat with another layer of pumpkin, Swiss chard, and noodles. Combine the remaining 1 cup of pumpkin and 3/4 cup of cream. Spread the mixture evenly over the top of the lasagna, sprinkle with the remaining 1 cup of Parmesan, and dot with the butter. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake until golden, about 15 minutes more. Yield: 4 servings



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Hooks and Bytes

by webmaster
Dan Harvey

Hello Friends!

I recently stayed in a small campground that was really too small for the Alfa. Camp sites were close together and it was a tight fit for the "Bohemuth" (the Alfas nickname deemed by Janet and her dad) but I managed to fit between a pop-up and an older teardrop style rig that looked very much like it did when it was new.

It was a wonderful evening so I decided to sit outside to watch the sky and stars. I could hear my neighbors talking about their recent adventures on the area lakes and their expertise at catching the elusive Large Mouth Bass. The conversation included words like "spinner" and "jig". I heard them say they fished with Spinning reels and Bait Casters. They had fished deep and in the shallows and it sounded like they were having a great time catching a lot of fish. I also heard the occasional "phessh" a beer can makes when it is opened and the more I heard that sound, the bigger their fish seemed to get. Large Mouth Bass seemed to grow on trees....so to speak.

As it got dark I became tired of their stories about fish so big they were beyond belief. I decided to go to bed but remembered I had to load my Harley. I opened the side door of the trailer and turned on the light. I immediately knew I had made a mistake because in there is a rack full of fishing rods and reels hanging on the wall of the trailer and in plain view of my drunk neighbors. I loaded the Harley, closed up the trailer and headed for the Alfa's front door. About half way there, I heard one man say "I noticed your gear in the trailer, do you fish?" "Yes" I said knowing I was starting down a trail of BS that I was just too tired to travel. "What kind of fishing?" they ask. "Salmon out in the Northwest" I replied. I moved a few more steps towards the door and thought I may make it when they tried again...."I hear those big suckers are hard to catch....what do you use for bait?" Knowing this was a critical question and one which could end up pulling me in to the middle of their bull session, I replied with a one shot answer that I hoped would buy me enough time to make it to the door. "Large Mouth Bass". Not only did I make the door of the Alfa, but I noticed they retired as well.

The "Hook" portion of my article is longer than usual on purpose. The reason is that there has been little activity on the web site to report other than I have heard Frank Ayers did a good job reviewing the web site at the Outer Banks Rally. A Search Engine has been added at the request of one of our members. We always welcome suggestions and want to hear yours as well.

A new menu button labeled "BOD" has been added to the site. It is a password protected area and will be used by our Board of Directors for access to future internet board meetings.

Please remember to add your listing and photo to the Directory in the Members Only section!

CHEERS!

Sunrisers Chapter Outing
Begin on Nov. 6—Depart on Nov. 11, 2008

Date: 11/-06/08-11/11/2008

Place: Ocean Grove RV Resort, 4225 Highway A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Fl. 32080
Telephone No.: Toll Free 800-342-4007—Local 904-471-3414 Web Address: <http://www.oceangroveresort.com>

Wagon Master: Tom & Pat Gunn Telephone: 407-460-8480
E-mail: mypatgunn@aol.com

Cost: \$42.50 Plus tax
Water/Sewer/Electric Full Hookup 30 and 50 Amp available

Directions: I95—Exit 305, go East on SR 206 to A1A, go North to Campground on left side.

Deadline: Oct. 1, 2008

TOMMY & PAT WILL BE TRAVELING ALL SUMMER AND WILL HAVE THEIR MAIL FORWARDED. THEY DO NOT WANT TO MISS ANY REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THEIR RALLY, THEREFORE, WHEN YOU MAIL YOUR FORM & WAGON MASTER FEE, PLEASE SEND THEM AN E-MAIL TO: tommyagunn@hughes.net AND LET THEM KNOW THAT YOUR REGISTRATION IS IN THE MAIL. 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

St.

Augustine, Florida—Ocean Grove RV Resort
Begin November 6, 2008— Depart November 11, 2008

Name _____

Address _____

Phone [] _____ Email address _____ First Outing Yes _____ No _____

5th Wheel _____ Motorhome _____ Length _____ 30 AMP _____ 50 AMP _____

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Check [dated 10/01/2008] to Thomas A. Gunn for \$25.00 (Per couple—\$12.50 Single) [Wagon Master fee]
Contact the RV Resort to make your reservations for the dates you plan to be there. Please attach your check for the Wagon Master Fee to your completed signed copy of the registration form. Mail Registration Form and Check to: Tommy Gunn, 4031 Carteret Dr., Winter Haven, Florida 33884

SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE RALLY

We agree that we will not hold the alfa Owners Club, nor any officer, 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 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 _____

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Activities will include "Happy Hour" at Dan's coach (byob), Dinner at a local restaurant and possibly one night of entertainment at the Resort.

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