

alfa **SUNRISERS** GAZETTE

FROM YOUR SUNRISER PRESIDENT

Greeting Sunrisers;

We hope you are all well and enjoying your summer travels where ever they may take you. We have been on the road since April 4th and all of the RV parks we've visited were near full each night. We hope you have safe travels and enjoy this great country of ours.

Interesting article "Wired for Safety" in the FMCA Magazine. We will try to get them printed and on our web site soonest—as they contain some really good information.

Reminder that Sunrisers dues a payable now for May 1, 2010 to April 30 2011 year. If you haven't sent them in please consider doing so soon.

FROM YOUR SUNRISER VICE PRESIDENT

From the RVP

Are you aware that we have 4 rallies scheduled for this fall? So far, our wagon masters have reported low numbers for registration. If you have been a wagon master then you know the anxiety you have when you are trying to plan and are wondering in the back of your mind "will they come?" Please look at the calendar (see dates below) on the club's web site for details, contact information and registration forms. If you are not sure but think you may be going, PLEASE send the wagon masters an email and give them an idea as to what your plans may be. Our remaining rally schedule for 2010 is as follows:

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Wanted: A Sunriser member to Volunteer and take the editor ship of the Gazette.

**Contact: Frank Ayers—
frank.ayers@sunrisers.org**

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SUNRISERS OUTING SCHEDULE



2010

September 13-19 Burch Run, MI
Hosted by Ted & Doreen Hixon**

October 7-11 Historic Ashville, NC
Hosted by Tommy & Pat Gunn**

October 14-18 Highland Games,
Stone Mtn. GA. Hosted by Marty &
Nanci Istock**

November 9-13 Historic Thomas-
ville, GA hosted by Frank & Holly
Ayers**

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

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

**** Check the calendar for Reg-
istration form and information.**

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Registration forms for all 2010 rallies are in this edition and also on the web site in the Calendar. Please consider one or all and get you registration in no later than the close out date so the wagon masters can finalize their rally.

Holly and I enjoyed our Alaska Inside Passage cruise June 6-13 from Seattle, WA. The Weather was a little chilly, however no rain in our ports of call. For those who have taken this type of cruise you know how enjoyable it is.

On page 1 is a Wanted note for an editor.

Sunrisers Gazette Editor position opening

The Sunrisers Gazette editor is responsible for gathering information from the officers and members, setting up the Gazette and publishing on a quarterly basis. The person who fills this important position only needs some basic computer skills and a desire to provide our club with information on a quarterly basis.

The steps for publishing include: gathering information, formatting the pages, printing and mailing copies for those that don't have internet access, (a small number) and forwarding the electronic copy to our Web Master for posting on the Sunrisers web site. This takes about 6 to 8 hours per quarter. The club has a license for MS Publisher for your use to publish the Gazette.

This is an important position as the information becomes the written history of our club. If we do not get a volunteer to be the Editor, our last issue will be October 2010.

Contact Frank Ayers — frank.ayers@sunrisers.org or 229-224-4355 for further information.

Have a great summer and be safe in your travels.

Frank

September 13th-19th Burch Run Michigan. Wagon Masters - Ted and Doreen Hixon.

October 7th-11th Asheville, North Carolina. Wagon Masters - Tom and Pat Gunn.

October 14th-18th Stone Mountain, Georgia. Wagon Masters - Marty and Nanci Istock.

November 9th-15th Thomasville, Georgia. Wagon Masters Frank and Holly Ayers.

Technical Presentations

As I see our club continuing to grow, one important point continues to evolve and that is our membership wants help with answers to questions about the coaches. With our coaches no longer being manufactured, we must rely on each other to keep our Alfa's on the road in first class condition. When I look at the old GMC motor homes that were built in the 60's and 70's and ask myself why so many are still going, the answer is that a strong ownership base wanted to keep their coaches on the road because they really liked the product. As long as we continue to support each other, I think we can have some of the same success.

I am planning at least one short presentation on extended warranties at one of the rallies. If you have researched extended warranties and would like to share any information with the club, please send it to me so I can include it with the information that I will be presenting.

Carroll and I and Marty and Nanci Istock will be going to "The Rally" in Louisville, Kentucky later this month and we will be gathering information on extended warranties while we are there. We also plan to gather as much information as possible that we think would be beneficial to our membership. I will be sharing this information with you in the Forum either in the Vice President's column or the appropriate Technical column (also in the Forum section).

We will continue to have our round table technical discussions at every rally so we can share information with each other on repair/replace and upgrade information on Alfas. I have also established a contact at Freightliner Custom Chassis who has agreed to help with any of our technical questions pertaining to the chassis, dash operation and running gear of our coaches.

I am working on setting up a date with the Gaffney Freightliner training staff to have an Alfa exclusive **Camp Freightliner**. The classes are three days long. Right now the proposed dates are November 29th, 30th, and December 1st. If those dates do not work for the club, we will be looking at a date in March, 2011. We must have a good crowd to make it work so please let me know via e mail (JCroes@aol.com) of your interest and which dates would work best for you.

Dues/website

Our letter via snail mail resulted in several dues renewals and a few comments like "we did not know that you were still an active club". We put our web address in several places on the letter, so hopefully people will use the web site to keep up with the club's activities. If you know someone who would like to be a member of the club, remember we are offering new members free membership for the first year, plus you as the referring member get next years dues free.

Elections

Please keep in mind that we will have our annual elections at the last rally of the year. This year's elections will be held at the Thomasville, GA rally in November. The office of President and Secretary will both be open. We cannot expect the same few people to continue to "carry the water" forever so please consider an office in the Sunrisers. The office of President and Secretary are critical positions to the success of your club. Since Alfa closed, our mission should become more important to our membership. If you would be willing to serve in some capacity, please let Frank Ayers know of your interests. I would be happy to discuss any aspects of what is involved with you if you are interested in discussing the work involved.

I hope to see each of you at one or more of our fall rallies, and do not forget to let me know of your interest in an Alfa Camp Freightliner school.

John Croes

Vice President/Events Coordinator

Hooks and Bytes

Hello Friends!

You have not seen an article about the web site for awhile simply because there has been nothing to write about.....but that is about to change and here is why.

I wonder about you guys all the time. I call some of you often and some of you I should call more. But others I just wonder about. Where are you? Are you having a good time? Is your health good?

The website can be a conduit to maintain contact among members of our club. It takes a minimal amount of effort and some scheduling on your part but this could become a popular feature on the site. It is a private chat room program that I have installed in the Members only section. This is a program that is entirely contained on our site and is not similar in operation to Delphi or other independent businesses. This is important to us for privacy reasons.

Our first chat is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7th at 9:00 PM ET. Between now and then you must setup an account in the chat program. Here is how:

Go to the website and login to the Members Only section. If you cannot remember the login username and password, remember it is the same for all Sunriser members. Email me if you can't get it from someone else.

Once you're in the Members only section, click on the "Chat" button. A new window should open and a login box should appear.

Click on "Register" which opens another box. Fill out the requested information but know this, your username is limited to 8 characters and should be a name we can all relate to. Frank Ayers should be "FrankA" or "Prez". If Frank was to use "SoLong" it would not be a name everyone could relate to Frank when he is in the Chat Room.

Click the button to register and another box opens which is a little confusing. Pay particular attention to the SECOND paragraph which explains you will be sent a activation email which will contain a link you must click on to confirm your email address. You cannot login until you have received your email and clicked on the link. Then, go back to the login box and fill in your username and password. If you did everything right, you will be prompted to open a chat room.

Look around even though you may be the only one in the room. Get familiar with all the options so you will be ready to chat on July 7th.

SeeYa Later,
Dan



CLUB BULLETIN BOARD



IMPORTANT MESSAGES & CHANGES HERE!! PLEASE READ!!!!

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

SUNRISERS DUES FORM: THEY ARE DUE!!! April 30th 2010 to remain current.....

Attention Sunrisers: Annual dues are due on/or before April 30th of each year. Please use the form below, and mail \$20 to Marty Istock. **Please make your check payable to "ALFA Sunrisers Club".** 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 Marty's E-MAIL ADDRESS: mgistock@aol.com

SUNRISERS MEMBERSHIP PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF NAME & ADDRESS

Name: _____	Please send \$20.00 dues and/or change of address to:
Address: _____	
City: _____	Marty Istock
State / Zip: _____	Treasurer/Alfa Sunrisers
	1 Holly Trace
	Simpsonville, SC 29681
Telephone: _____	Email: _____

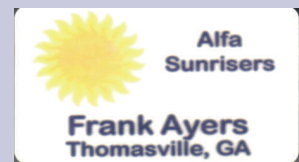
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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!

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 Frank Ayers or John Croes. They are \$7.50, please let Frank or John know if you want one. Contact Information
E-mail: frank.ayers@sunrisers.org or jcroes@aol.com





Have you invited any prospective Alfa Owners to join us??

IF YOU SEE AN ALFA RV IN A CAMPGROUND, PARKING LOT OR REST AREA, or an RV park—INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND INVITE THEM TO JOIN SUNRISERS.



ORDER YOUR SUNRISER DECALS NOW

Both cloth and stick on are available

CONTACT:

RON & CAROL DAVIS AT: davisrc@htn.net

FRANK AYERS AT: frank.ayers@sunrisers.org

JOHN CROES AT: john.croes@sunrisers.org

They will be happy to assist you with the details for your check and the address to send it to.

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ALFA SUNRISERS – BIRCH RUN, MICHIGAN RALLY

Place: Pine Ridge RV Campground
11700 Gera RD. Birch Run, MI 48415
Phone: (989)-624-9029

www.pineridgerv.com

Date: September 13th-19th, 2007 (Depart morning of the 20th)

Wagon Masters: Ted & Doreen Hixon
723 Morgans Ridge Dr.
Monroe, GA. 30656

Telephone: 770-235-4925 or 770-355-8456
E-Mail D1S81@aol.com

Campground Cost: \$34/night or \$197/wk.

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2010

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ALFA SUNRISERS REGISTRATION FORM Birch Run, Michigan Rally

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

5th Wheel _____ Motor Home _____ Length _____ 30 AMP _____ 50 AMP _____

Deposits & Registration:

Wagon Master Check payable to Ted or Doreen Hixon (\$20.00 Wagon Master Fee)

I/we agree to **HOLD HARMLESS *The Alfa Sunrisers*, the Wagon Masters, all officers, other attending members of the Alfa Sunrisers** responsible for any personal injury of any kind which we or any member of our family may suffer during the campout (rally). This agreement applies regardless of the cause of the injury or damage and includes whether said injury or damage is caused by a condition of the premises, another club member, or any other person associated with the event. I/we make this agreement in consideration of the volunteer work of the club, its officers, and the wagon masters, as well as any expenses, which Alfa Sunrisers incur by holding the rally for my/our benefit, and recognize that in signing this legal instrument, I am/we are waiving any legal right to recover damages from *The Alfa Sunrisers*, the Wagon Masters or any officer, as well as other attending members of the Alfa Sunrisers.

By attending this rally, I/we also agree to abide by all rules of conduct of the Alfa Sunrisers, the host campground, as well as any additional rules established by the Wagon Master that have been designed for my/our personal safety and the safety of others in the campground, either regular campers or attendees of this rally.

Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____

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ALFA SUNRISERS – HISTORIC ASHEVILLE, NC RALLY

Place: Bear Creek RV Park Web address: www.ashevillebearcreek.com
81 S, Bear Creek Road Asheville. NC 28806
Phone: (800)-833-0798

Date: October 7th-11th, 2010 (Depart morning of the 12th)

Wagon Masters: Tom and Pat Gunn Telephone: 407-460-8480

4031 Carteret Dr E-Mail mypatgunn@aol.com
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Campground Cost: \$50/night

Registration Deadline: August 7th, 2010. This is PEAK season for fall color change in Asheville so get your registrations in early. Please send Pat an e mail when you register as their mail forwarding from Florida to North Carolina is usually delayed a few weeks.

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ALFA SUNRISERS REGISTRATION FORM Asheville, NC Rally

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

5th Wheel _____ Motor home _____ Length _____ 30 AMP _____ 50 AMP _____

Deposits & Registration:

Wagon Master Check payable to Tom or Pat Gunn-address above (**\$20.00 Wagon Master Fee**)

RV Park reservations & campground deposits are to be made directly with the campground-Mention that you are part of the Alfa Sunrisers Rally REGISTER EARLY-THIS IS PEAK FALLCOLOR SEASON IN ASHEVILLE

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Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____

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ALFA SUNRISERS – STONE MT, GA HIGHLAND GAMES RALLY

Place: Stone Mountain Park
4003 Stonewall Jackson Dr.
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

www.stonemountainpark.com

Phone: (770)-498-5710 or 800-385-9807

Date: October 14th-18th, 2010 (Depart morning of the 19th)

Wagon Masters: Marty and Nanci Istock Telephone: (864)-228-0983

1 Holly Trace Cell: (864)-414-9088 or (864)- 414-9502

Simpsonville, SC 29681

E-Mail mgistock@aol.com nancistock@aol.com

Campground Cost: \$40/night (tax included)

Registration Deadline: August 15th, 2010 (we could reserve 25 sites (new section)-1st come, 1st served

You will be able to purchase a 2 day ticket for the price of 1 for admission to the Stone Mountain Park.

The Scottish Highland Games will be held on Oct 16th and 17th and will require a separate ticket.

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ALFA SUNRISERS REGISTRATION FORM Stone Mountain, GA. Rally

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

5th Wheel _____ Motor home _____ Length _____ 30 AMP _____ 50 AMP _____

Deposits & Registration:

Wagon Master Check payable to Marty or Nanci Istock (**\$20.00 Wagon Master Fee**)

RV Park reservations & campground deposits are to be made directly with the campground-Mention that you are part of the Alfa Sunrisers Rally

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Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____

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ALFA SUNRISERS – HISTORIC THOMASVILLE, GA RALLY

Place: Sugar Mill RV Park
4857 McMillan Road Ochlocknee, GA 31773
Phone: (229)-227-1451

www.sugarmillpark.com

Date: November 9th-15th, 2010 (Depart morning of the 16th)

Wagon Masters: Frank and Holly Ayers Telephone Cell: (229)-224-4355
15125 US 19 South PMB 346
Thomasville, GA 31792 E-Mail frank.ayers@sunrisers.org

Campground Cost: \$25.38 per night. Sites grass/gravel shaded 30/50 amp W/S cable

Registration Deadline: October 10, 2010

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ALFA SUNRISERS REGISTRATION FORM Thomasville, GA Rally

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

5th Wheel _____ Motor home _____ Length _____ 30 AMP _____ 50 AMP _____ MH Towing Trailer _____

Expected date of arrival: _____

Deposits & Registration:

Wagon Master Check payable to Frank or Holly Ayers (\$20.00 Wagon Master Fee)
Deposit of \$25.38 made out to Sugar Mill RV Park dated Oct 10, 2010 sent to Frank Ayers along with Wagon Master Fee.
Call Sugar Mill [Nancy] to make your Reservations - Mention that you are part of the Alfa Sunrisers Rally

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Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____