

# Alfa Owners Club

# Alfa Sun

## Mid-Rally 2008 Edition

### *From the Editors:*

We would like to wish everyone a belated Happy Holidays and a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2009.

We would like to acknowledge Norm & Pat Benson, for their 11 years of service as President of the Alfa Owners Sundancers Club. We have enjoyed knowing & working with them. Unfortunately, Norm & Pat had to retire from the RV lifestyle, due to health issues.

We also want to apologize for not getting the Post Rally issue of the Alfa Sun published. Due to Alfa's closing, we have been dealing with a lot of issues concerning the Owners Club, and weren't able to get the newsletter completed in a timely manner.

Alfa Leisure ceased to operate on Wednesday, April 30, 2008. Alfa filed a "General Assignment", and at the end of June 2008, all assets were auctioned off. Because they were the sole source of funds to operate & run the Owners Club Board of Directors, which includes this newsletter, we have limited funding in place at this time. The purpose of the Board was to oversee, and provide support for the hosting Chapter at each Rally. All of the Chapters are self supporting through there dues, and other fund raisers within the Chapters. It is our sincere hope, and as of now, it looks like all of the Chapters will continue to operate as in the past. Our biggest loss is the support of Alfa for our Annual National Rally. We are currently looking at what options we have to restore financing to the point of continuing to have Rallies. A Rally is being planned for the spring, in Bakersfield, CA.

As of our final board meeting at Rally 2008, the Sunchasers Chapter has been dissolved. All of its membership is being transferred to the Sunrisers.

Bruce & Corinne Mitchell  
President  
Alfa Owners Club

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## RALLY 2008 Montgomery, TX

The Alfa Rally 2008 was held at the Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA April 16-23, 2008. The Lone Star chapter was the host of the event. The Lone Stars had a pre-rally at the site to get the final details worked out and everything ready. They did a fantastic job. The Road Runners also had a pre-rally at the KOA and there were many rigs that arrived early. Registration and Welcome was held on Wednesday starting at 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. There were signups for craft classes and the Lone Stars were selling T-shirts with the Rally logo stenciled on the back. We also got to pick up our registration goodie bag. Boy, was it full of goodies. The National Board of Directors had a pre rally meeting on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The

campground was quite large with many rooms for seminars, meetings and classes. On Wednesday at noon there was a salad luncheon for all NBD officers, all club officers and their spouses. At 5:00 PM on Wednesday there was a Social Time with BYO snacks, followed by Texas BBQ dinner in the Grand Pavilion. At 7:00 PM the Country Cousins Square Dancers put on a demonstration and selected many from the audience to come and join the dancing. The evening was great fun.



**Registration**



**Arrivals**



**Dinner**

On Thursday there was the usual Coffee and Donuts from 8 to 9 AM. At 9:00AM the first seminar started. It was given by Atwood for 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel owners. At 10:00 AM Atwood put on a seminar for Motor home owners. Craft Classes were held from 9-11:00 AM. At 1:00 PM there were craft sales in Clubhouse S. At 1:00 PM there was a seminar by "Internet Anywhere". At 2:00 PM Adventure Caravans held a seminar on traveling with caravans in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Central America and Europe. Freightliner held a seminar at 3:00 PM. At 5:00 PM was Chapter Night. Some clubs hired the caterer to fix dinner and others held potlucks.

Friday Coffee and Donuts were from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM as the day was set aside for a trip to NASA. The buses were to start loading at 7:45 AM for the drive to the Johnson Space Center/NASA complex for our tour of the centers buildings. The day was perfect with a light rain at times. At 6:00 PM we had Wine & Cheese tasting. We brought our own heavy Hor'deuvres to share with our chapter and others. At 7:00 PM there was a movie shown.



**Alfa Owners Club Presidents  
Bruce & Corinne Mitchell**



**Rally Masters  
Bill & Betty Ratterree**



**Square Dancing**

Saturday started with coffee and donuts. There was a line dancing class in the grand pavilion for those interested. At 10:00 AM Generac did a seminar, at 11:00 AM Thetford had a seminar. At 1:00 PM John Nelson from ALFA did a seminar for 5<sup>th</sup> wheel owners. Also at the same time Dometic did a seminar for Motor Home owners. At 3:00 PM John Nelson did a seminar for Motor Home owners, and at the same time Dometic did a seminar for 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel owners. At 5:00 PM there was Social Time in the Grand Pavilion, followed by a 50's Party including hamburgers and the Coastliners Group. The evening was great fun as there was a contest to find the best costume representing the 1950's with prizes given out. The evening was a great success.

Sunday morning a Christian Devotional called "Living on the Edge" was presented in the Grand Pavilion. At 11:00 Am the bowlers left for their event. That afternoon from 2-4:00 PM was a RV Garage Sale where we put RV items out for sale at our own sites and people walked around to see what was available.

Many “deals” were made. At 5:00 PM was Social Time in the Grand Pavilion with a tasty Pork Loin Dinner at 6:00 PM. After dinner another movie was shown for those who wanted to view an “old time” movie.



**Crafts**



**Seminars**



**Craft Sales**

Monday again had coffee and donuts from 8-9:00 AM. The golfers left at 9:00 AM for their tournament at Waldon on the Lake Golf Course. From 1-3:00 PM RV cooking for ladies was held. Most hoped to learn how to use their convection oven feature but that was not demonstrated. It was about using packaged ingredients with added in meats that were easy to fix in our rigs. At 2:00 PM RBW did a seminar on all slides. At 4:00 PM was the Ice Cream Social with ice cream by Blue Bonnet Ice Cream. The evening was free.



**Campground**



**Coastliners**



**50's Night**

Tuesday coffee and donuts were again available. In the Grand Pavilion again was the line dancing class for those who chose to participate. At 10:00AM was the Scavenger Hunt. Each chapter was given a list at the same time and we had a specified time in which to collect the items. The winner was chosen by the shortest amount of time used and the most items collected. Some of the items were near impossible to have in our rigs. There was another handmade item craft sale at 11:00 AM in Clubhouse S. At 2:00 PM the pet parade was held. It was very hot and the pets were great but glad when it was over. There were a large number of entrants. At 3:00 PM we had our group photo taken. Again it was very hot standing in the sun but we got a great picture. At 5:00 PM in the Grand Pavilion was Social Time followed by Mariachi Band who entertained while we waited for dinner of Fajitas. Dinner was followed by Rally Awards, Chapter Basket and Donated Prizes. The grand prize was a 16 day trip to the Wisconsin Dells and the Oshkosh Air Show given by Adventure Caravans. The prize was won by Dennis and Barbara Brink of the South Loafers. The baskets were fantastic as usual. There were also many items donated by local merchants that were given out. It was a super evening and a great way to end the rally.

Wednesday was a morning for good byes and farewells. At 10:00 AM the National Board of Directors held their post rally meeting.

We thank the Lone Stars for a great 2008 Rally and all the hard work the put in to make it a success. THANKS. We hope you all can make it to Rally 2009 in Bakersfield, CA.



**Campground**



**Coastliners**



**50's Night**



**Garage Sale**



**Pet Parade**



**Awards Night**



**Group Photo**

# *RALLY 2009*

The Mavericks Chapter has been working very hard to put Rally 2009 together. With the demise of the Sunchasers, who were originally scheduled to host Rally 2009, the Mavericks were bumped up to take their place. Chapters usually start planning for a Rally, 2 to 3 years out. The Mavericks have stepped up to the plate, with only 18 months to put things together. Throw in the closing of Alfa, the high price of fuel, and the economy, there are a lot of unknowns as to what the success of Rally 2009 will be. The Bakersfield RV Resort has also stepped up to the plate in helping the Mavericks to make things work. They are footing the bill for several items that we would normally have to pay for.

The Mavericks are trying to think outside the box in regard to seminars & vendors. Without the restrictions that we have had in the past from Alfa, we can get other than the typical seminars that we have had in the past. With our small group, it is hard to get some vendors to attend, because they look at the return for what it costs them to attend. Again, there are some different types of vendors that the Mavericks are working with. Alfateers RV Service will be providing repair service at the Rally. There will be a charge for both Parts & Labor. The labor rate will be discounted from their regular rate, but at the time of printing that rate has not been set. There are repair request forms with the Registration Packet. Alfateers will phone everyone who requests repairs and let them know what the cost will be, prior to the Rally.

There are several optional activities planned or available in the area. There are a maximum of 200 sites available for the rally. We would really like to see them all filled. Please support the Mavericks and the Owners Club, by attending this Rally.

If you haven't already, get your registration for Rally 2009 submitted, so that the Rally Master can get a good count to make final preparations and reservations for the Rally activities.

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## *Alfa Owners Club Board Meeting September 24, 2008*

The National Board recently held its mid-rally Board meeting at the Bakersfield RV Resort, in Bakersfield, CA. There was a lot of discussion regarding the future of the Alfa Owners Club. There are still a lot of issues that need to be resolved, especially, what the Owners Club members wish to see for the future of the Owners Club. We plan to hold a Forum at the Rally, so that all members in attendance can express their thoughts.

It was decided to drop "Sundancers" from our name. It was felt that with each Chapter having their own name, that the "Sundancers" was too confusing. Our official name is now "The Alfa Owners Club". We are looking into insurance to protect the Directors & Officers of the Club and Chapters. At this time, we are waiting for quotes. It was also decided that Non-Alfa owners can be official members of the Alfa Owners Club. At the present time, these would be folks that had previously owned an Alfa RV. The Rally, at least for 2009, will remain Alfa only.

There is a feeling that just because Alfa closed, that we won't be getting any new members. In fact, we have had about 10 new members in the past 2 or 3 months. Most of these have been through current club members just talking to other Alfa Owners they meet in their travels. It's as easy as asking owners of another Alfa if they are a member of the Owners Club. If they are not, ask if they would be interested, and get their name(s), address & phone. Get the information to Bruce & Corinne Mitchell, [BMitch7774@aol.com](mailto:BMitch7774@aol.com), and we will take care of the rest. There are a lot of 2<sup>nd</sup> owners, and even some 1<sup>st</sup> owners that have never heard about the Owners Club.

*Adventure Caravans was one of our presenters of a seminar at Rally 2008, in Montgomery, TX. They were really surprised to see so many of their customers at the Rally. They decided that they would donate one of the door prizes for awards night. At the awards dinner, they asked that their Door Prize donation be given first. It turned out to be a 16 day RV tour to the Wisconsin Dells area and the Oshkosh Air Show. This gift, worth \$2695, was won by Dennis & Barbara Brink, of the South Loafers. The Brinks, along with another couple from the South Loafers, went on their tour this past July.*

## **TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY**

How many times have you been in a group that wanted to take a trip together, and it didn't come off because no one wanted to plan & make arrangements for the trip.. Well here is your chance to take that trip, and have someone else do all the planning.

Join a group of Alfa owners for a Custom designed RV Tour or Rally. Get a group of at least 16 Alfa's together, and Adventure Caravans will Custom Design your Tour or Rally, do the planning, and make all the reservations. All your group needs to do, is let Adventure Caravans know where you want to go, meet at the rendezvous, sit back and enjoy the trip. Leave all the hassle of researching and planning your trip to them. Adventure will put the trip together at a group discount rate.

Adventure Caravans conducts traveling caravans in groups of 20 RV's to all parts of the US, Canada, Alaska, Mexico, and Central America. Rental RV's are included for group tours in Europe (Germany, Denmark, Sweden, & Norway; Germany, Italy, Austria, & Switzerland; Germany, Italy, & Greece; and Great Britain). Adventure Caravans provides a wagon master to lead the group, and a tail gunner to follow.

Rallies include New York City, Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, Mardi Gras, Rose Parade, Branson, Calgary Stampede, Kentucky Derby, Cherry Blossom Festival, and NASCAR.

These Tours and Rallies are in Adventure Caravans RV Vacation catalog, and on their website ([www.adventurecaravans.com](http://www.adventurecaravans.com)) and can be customized for exclusive Alfa tours. They will offer a group rate with the more that travel, the more the discount. Contact Tina Poole at 800-872-7897 to start your Adventure.

There are several Alfa Owners Club members that have used Adventure Caravans for trips. If you have any questions, you can contact Bruce & Corinne Mitchell at 714-803-9648 or [BMitch7774@aol.com](mailto:BMitch7774@aol.com).

Below are recommended Service Centers and Alfa Parts suppliers. Most Alfa parts can be obtained through one of the Service Centers listed. By no means, is this a complete listing of Service Centers. If you know of or can recommend a Service Center in your area, please let us know so that we may add them to our list, and make folks in those areas aware of those Service Centers

## *Recommended Service Centers*

**Dick Albritton**  
Choudrant, LA  
318-251-0885

**Central Valley RV Service**  
110 S. Cherokee Ln.  
Lodi, CA 95240-3021  
209-334-3106  
[www.centralvalleyrvrepair.com](http://www.centralvalleyrvrepair.com)

**Charlie's Service**  
1901 N. Main St.  
Sunset, UT 84015  
801-773-1193  
[www.charliesservice.com](http://www.charliesservice.com)

**K & N Customs**  
25260 Antelope Rd.  
Romoland, CA 92585  
951-928-0380

**Quality RV Service Center**  
15808 Arrow Blvd. Ste. B1  
Fontana, CA 92335  
909-854-6630

**SoCal RV Factory Service Center**  
15875 Santa Ana Ave.  
Fontana, CA 92337  
909-434-0355  
[www.SoCalrvservice.com](http://www.SoCalrvservice.com)

**Alfateers RV Service Center**  
14620 Rancho Vista Dr.  
Fontana, CA 92335-6775  
909-428-6775  
[www.alfateersrvservice.com](http://www.alfateersrvservice.com)

## *ALFA PARTS PROVIDERS*

**Clean Seal, Inc.** (P-Moulding)  
P.O. Box 2919  
South Bend, IN 46680-2919  
800-366-3682  
[www.cleanseal.com](http://www.cleanseal.com)

**Graphix Unlimited** (Exterior Graphics)  
Bernard & Janet Jackson  
4279 West Shore Dr.  
Breman, IN 46506  
574-546-3770  
[berickson@graphixunlimited.com](mailto:berickson@graphixunlimited.com)

**Si-Gi Products, Inc.** (Windows)  
1900 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Norco, CA 92860-2803  
909-737-8320

**M & M Industries** (Cargo Doors)  
310-898-1099

**RBW Industries, Inc** (Landing Gear,  
5740 Schafer Ave. Slide out Motors,  
Chino, CA 91710 TV Mounts)  
909-591-5359  
<http://rbwindustries.com>  
**Parts can be  
ordered online**

**Acme Radiator & Air Conditioning**  
(Dash heater & A/C for Motorhome)  
574-534-1516  
913-371-5373  
[www.acmeair.com](http://www.acmeair.com)

# CHAPTER OUTINGS

## ALFA ONE

**January 17-19, 2009  
Springs at Borrego**

2255 DiGiorgio Rd.  
P.O. Box 60  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004  
866-330-0003

Wagon Masters  
Tony & Peggy Van den Akker  
619-447-6044  
Chuck & Carolyn Houston  
562-428-8584

**March 20-22, 2009  
Golden Village Palms RV Park**

3600 West Florida Ave.  
Hemet, CA 92545  
800-323-9610

Wagon Masters  
Chuck & Marge Doyle  
310-743-3754  
Jim & Johan Waidelich  
951-929-2045

**July 15-21, 2009  
Chula Vista KOA**  
111 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Chula Vista, CA 91910  
800-562-9877

Wagon Master  
Tom & Rita Conzelman  
714-974-6517

**Sept. 18-20, 2009  
Chula Vista Marina**  
460 Sandpiper Way  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Wagon Master  
Dick & Marge Butterfield  
626-285-6765

Jerry & Maxine Libman  
805-653-5459

**Nov. 20-22, 2009  
TBD**

**Jan. 2010  
TBD**

**Mar. 2010  
Pechanga Resort & Casino**  
45000 Pechanga Parkway  
Temecula, CA 92592  
619-422-0111

Wagon Master  
Hank & Gail Hein  
951-461-2940

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## LONESTARS

**Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2009  
Canton, TX**

Wagon Masters  
Dale & Barbara Bowman  
830-510-4853  
Leon & Carolynn Douglas  
512-355-3468

**March 19-22, 2009  
Kinder, LA**

Wagon Masters  
Joe Bob & Monica Taylor  
254-728-3588  
Douglas Lahasky & Pat  
LaBrosse  
337-984-4389

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## MAVERICKS

**January TBA 2009  
Quartzsite Dome Rock Road**  
Quartzsite, CA

Wagon Masters TBA

**March 4-9, 2009  
Bakersfield RV Resort**  
Bakersfield, CA

Wagon Masters  
Jon & Kay Keith  
661-366-3314

## ROADRUNNERS

**January 17-25, 2009  
La Posa North/East BLM**  
Quartzsite, AZ

Wagon Masters  
Clayton & Diane Jones  
831-419-8676  
[Seeya3159@yahoo.com](mailto:Seeya3159@yahoo.com)

**April 19-25, 2009  
Bakersfield RV Resort**  
Pre-Rally  
Bakersfield, CA

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## SUNRISERS

**January 14-18, 2009  
Florida RV Super Rally**

Wagon Masters  
Doug & Mary Perkinson

**Mid to Late August 2009  
Carthage Gap Campground**  
Coolville, OH

Wagon Masters  
Frank & Holly Ayers  
[fhayers@sunrisers.org](mailto:fhayers@sunrisers.org)

**Sept. 16-20, 2009  
Lobster Fest**  
**Timberland Acres RV Park**  
Trenton, ME

Wagon Masters  
Ron & Carol Davis  
davisrc@htn.net  
**November 2009**  
**Charleston, SC**

Wagon Masters  
Howard & Genie Stein  
Gehost2@aol.com



**SOUTH LOAFERS**

**January 14-21, 2009**  
Quartzsite, AZ

Wagon Masters  
Don & Jan Wallace  
760-953-9717  
[cencessna@peoplepc.com](mailto:cencessna@peoplepc.com)

Bruce & Corinne Mitchell  
951-928-3001  
[BMitch7774@aol.com](mailto:BMitch7774@aol.com)

**March 2009**  
**TBA**

Wagon masters  
Jim & Carol Vandepas  
714-282-1744  
[jwvcav@aol.com](mailto:jwvcav@aol.com)

Bruce & Corinne Mitchell  
951-928-3001  
[BMitch7774@aol.com](mailto:BMitch7774@aol.com)

**August 2009**  
**Show Low, AZ**

Wagon Master  
Hal & Debbie Pigusch

**October 2009**  
**Tucson, AZ**

Wagon Masters  
Larry & Shirley York  
520-459-2184  
Larry & LeeDelle Kasper  
714-553-8313

**SUN SEEKERS**

**March 20-23, 2009**  
**Brookhollow RV Park**  
**Kelso, WA**

Wagon Masters:  
Warren & Betty Withers  
360-985-7155  
Bruce & Elaine Daniels  
360-985-2120

**May 2009**  
**TBA**

Wagon Masters  
Bob & Valerie Maxfield  
503-861-2277  
Gary & Gladys Drummond  
503-590-5240  
Ken Opp & Joy Bucholtz

**July 16-20, 2009**  
**Seven Feathers Casino RV**  
**Park**  
Canyonville, OR

Wagon Masters  
Jack & Irma Bass  
541-733-5679  
Bing & Bonnie Wilkinson  
541-726-8489

**September 11-18, 2009**  
**Eagle's Hot Lake RV Park**  
**LaGrand, OR**

Wagon Masters  
Bruce & Barbara Inselman 541-  
259-1976  
Randy & Cheryl Fabian  
503-661-2020

**November 6-10, 2009**  
**Lacey, WA**

Wagon Masters  
Randy & Cheryl Fabian  
503-661-2020  
Leigh & Gail Brendemuhl  
425-745-6796

**WRANGLERS**

**Feb. 4-10, 2009**  
**Almond Tree RV Park**  
**Chico, CA**

Wagon Masters  
Billy & LaRue Roe  
530-873-0635

**June 10-17, 2009**  
**Betabel RV Park**  
**San Juan Batista, CA**

Wagon Masters  
Ron & Elaine Quigley  
925-288-8231