



## SOUTH LOAFERS NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Alfa National rally was held from April 19-26, 2006, at the Emerald Desert Golf and RV Resort in Palm Desert, California. If you missed this event, well you missed a beautiful park with its concrete pads, green grass, and trees all around. Emerald Desert will be closing for the summer in May 2006, and when it re-opens in October 2006 it will only have the club house and about 300 of its 973 sites. The club house and pool will be there for about one more season. They will be bulldozing the grounds to build condos for the new college located in the area.

We had 25 rigs at the rally. Those attending were:

Jim & Vonnie Beard

John & Belle Bohn

Paul & Dayla Collins

Dave & Chris Ela

Bill Gardner & Dianne Kridle

Denny & Sue Gosser

Bob & Charlene Kortgard

Roman & Dorothy Klimkiewicz

Richard & Betty Polenske

Howard & Barbara Stucker

Jim & Carol Vandepas

Chris Walsh

Jon & Barbara Zedekar

Al & Ernestine Blattler

Dick & Virginia Brubaker

Frank & Jane Davies

Dean & Joyce Fisher

Norton & Beverly Goldberg

Pete & Roseanne Halpin

Bruce & Corinne Mitchell

David & Janice Moore

Bob & Diane Sowers

Gil & Margaret Turpin

Don & Jan Wallace

LeRoy & Celine Wright

Everyone arrived in time to get their rigs all set up before the opening dinner. The rally was full of fun things to do and see. When not bowling, hiking, line dancing, playing golf, watching the fashion show, attending the Follies and the pet parade, or buying at the craft sales, we had plenty of seminars to attend. Mor-Ryd, Atwood, Carefree, Freightliner, Brake Guard, Generac, and Dometic seminars were very informative with lots of handouts.

On Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, we had a pot luck lunch which was organized by Diane Sowers. Thanks Diane, everyone had their fill and afterwards we had a report from the By-Laws revision committee. After some discussion, the committee was charged to take the comments back and make a final copy to be read at the August outing. After the second reading, a ballot will go out in the mail for voting for or against the changes. This vote will be read at the October 2006 outing. Everyone needs to keep themselves informed about all of the changes.

I would like to thank our “margarita man” for all of his hard work with the blender. That finger will need to have a little rest for a while. Thanks to Dean Fisher and his blender. Let’s not forget the great chorizo and egg breakfast and bloody Mary’s provided by Bob and Diane Sowers. I don’t know how many times you all went back, but I got my share.

I’m looking forward to a year of trying to retain new members and to increase participation at our outings. My focus will be in making contact with new and old members. I want to know what we can do as a club to make them feel like they want to join us at our outings. My second goal is to try and relax the outings so we all can have fun. This is a social club, so lets make it one where we can discuss items of interest and agree to disagree.

Denny Gosser, President

# **Minutes of National Rally/Palm Springs Meeting**

## **April 20, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President, Al Blattler

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Stucker

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasure's report was given and approved as read.

### **Sunshine Report**

Jan Strawn had a heart attack. She is feeling better and sent a letter regarding her condition. Ken Smaltz passed away. Joe Beemer had knee surgery.

If you have anything for the rally basket see Jan. Jan passed around a paper for everyone to check to see that she had the correct birth date and anniversary date in her records.

If you know of anyone who has been ill or in the hospital, please contact Jan Wallace.

### **National Board of Directors**

The factory is getting rid of their old supplies of shirts, tee shirts, jackets, hats, and cups. Bruce will send around a questionnaire to see what new items people want.

### **Old Business**

Barbara Stucker has completed the club historian books through the year 2005.

The August campout was changed to Flying Flags, Buelton (Solvang). There will be an Italian buffet for approximately \$7.50 and ice cream social put on by the park.

Due to conflict, the attending membership voted to postpone the By-Laws committee's report. A new By-Laws committee of Dean Fisher (Chairman), Charlene Kortgard, Diane Sowers, Virginia Brubaker, and Gil Turpin was appointed. They will present their recommendations at a meeting to be held later in the week.

Flags are available for \$10.00.

Badges are \$10.00.

South Loafer decals are \$5.00.

Club vests are available from Charlene Kortgard at a charge of \$10.00 each.

### **New Business**

Al Blattler presented the new Board members: President, Denny Gosser; Vice President, Jim Beard; Secretary/Treasurer, Charlene Kortgard; and Board of Directors representatives, Bruce and Corinne Mitchell.

Denny presented the new Board members with a nice gift.

If you have any repair lists, give them to Denny and he will get them to the repair staff.

A motion was made and passed to make Richard and Catherine Matz Honorary members. Denny will get a certificate and send it to them.

### **Good of the Chapter**

Barbara Stucker has some quilting and craft items to share. She has invited the women to come and share their craft items also.

### **Upcoming Camp Outs**

August 23-28, 2006 Buelton, CA (Solvang)  
Wagon masters: Bill & Joan Weaver and Jon & Barbara Zedekar

October 18-23, 2006 Parhump, Nevada  
Wagon masters: Dave & Chris Ela and Bob & Sandi Goodwin

January 2007 Quartzite  
Wagon masters: Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Denny & Sue Gosser

March 2007 TBD  
Wagon masters: Joe & Shirley Beemer, Chris Walsh, and Jan & Don Wallace

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Kortgard  
Secretary/Treasurer

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF  
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE  
April 24, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President, Denny Gosser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Denny.

The meeting was turned over to By-Laws Committee Chairman, Dean Fisher.

Dean read through the revised By-Laws, Customs and Procedures, and Wagon Master Duties. After the readings the floor was open for discussion.

The comments were noted. It was voted for the Committee to take the comments on the Customs and Procedures and Wagon Master Duties into consideration, finalize them, and send them out as approved. Enclosed is a copy of the new Customs and Procedures, and Wagon Master Duties.

The Committee will revise the By-Laws per membership comments and have them ready for reading at the August campout. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed By-Laws changes for your review. With your newsletter from the August campout you will receive a ballot and are requested to vote for or against these new updates.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Kortgard  
Secretary/Treasurer