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SOUTH LOAFERS NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thursday, June 7 - Sunday, June 10, 2007 Outing to Hemet, CA
Wagon Masters - Thomas & Christine Upton
Co-Wagon Masters - Bob & Charlene Kortgard

Upon arrival to the Golden Village Palms (a Sunland RV Resort) we were promptly taken to our chapter site by park personnel. This is a very clean park with a very nice Club House/Recreation Building that we used for dinners, meetings, and games. The majority of us arrived almost at the same time. I was very happy to see people from Arizona there also; this was a special effort on their part. Don Moore was there even though he has not totally healed from his operation and Jan Wallace after a knee operation was also there not limping nor using her crutches. Glad to have both of them with us.

>There were 14 rigs present with the following attendance:

Jim & Vonnie Beard
Dennis & Barbara Brink
Gary & Shirley Cox
Bob & Charlene Kortgard
Bruce & Corinne Mitchell
Thomas & Christine Upton
Larry & Shirley York

Al & Ernestine Battler
Dick & Virginia Brubaker
Larry & LeeDelle Kasper
Dick & Judy Marley
Don Moore
Don & Jan Wallace
Jon & Barbara Zedekar

The wagon masters had everything set up, greeted us upon arrival, provided us with documentation about the area and park guidelines, and showed all of us to our site. Parking was a little tight (shallow site but nice and wide). Al Blattler's slide out had a fight with a tree (he won) and thanks to all the helpers all went well.

Thursday evening we had Happy Hour at the wagon master site and they brought us to speed with the surrounding area and coming events. We discussed the flyer received concerning an event at the Ramona Bowl and 6 couples signed up to go Friday evening after dinner.

Friday morning we met at the wagon master site and found some good food and good company; then we went for a walk to scope out the park. That afternoon was spent in the Club House/Recreation Room getting my first exposure to Snooker by Dick Brubaker. I learned Snooker is the favored game of the English billiards players. I did get snookered several times but had a good time.

That evening the Upton's and Kortgard's presented the wagon master dinner at the Club House. The pork and chicken dinner was outstanding and being with our friends was the icing on the cake. After dinner we left for the show at the Ramona Bowl and was treated to a performance by a group known as the "Fab Four". Their show was based on songs from the Beetle era and they were VERY GOOD. They even had Ed Sullivan there. The audience didn't want them to stop singing.

Saturday morning started at the wagon master site with some sticky finger food and good company. We had our Chapter Meeting where Charlene announced that the votes were in for the By-Laws changes and the majority vote was to accept all proposed changes. Charlene stated she would attach to her published meeting minutes a complete copy of the revised By-Laws for our files. It was decided to e-mail all future documents (i.e. meeting minutes, newsletters, notes of upcoming outings, and special announcements) to those people having an e-mail address unless they request us not to. All others shall receive theirs via US Mail. They will be maintained on our website for download at any time. We talked about future outings and the special effort being made by Bob Hill concerning our pre-rally outing in Texas (April 2008) and the offer of help received from Frank & Jane Davies. Our next outing will be in Williams, AZ hosted by Bruce & Corrine Mitchell and Jim & Vonnie Beard. We look forward to more good memories (flyer attached).

Sunday rolled around all too quickly and we had some good laughs as the Sherriff's report was presented by Corrine Mitchell, who collected \$9.48 in fines. The 50/50 drawing of \$76.00 was won by the Upton's and looking back at all the special effort and work they put into this outing it was well deserved. Regretfully most of us had to leave that morning, but we left with good memories of a great outing.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bruce & Corrine Mitchell have agreed to take over as the Presidency and Secretary of the National Board of Directors (NBD). Based on this, they will be resigning their position as our chapter's representative in September 2007. Al Blattler, our current alternate, has agreed to fill this position until we have our elections the first of next year. Bruce and Corrine have left behind some very big shoes to fill. We are very thankful for all their help and support these past years. We know that the National Board could have not found better people to fill this position. Our chapter needs to find a new NBD representative. We need to note that this is a 3- year term and they will be the wagon master for the National Rally that our chapter will be presenting.
2. We did it. Our chapter's web page is up and running (www.alfasouthloafers.com). Currently it consists of six pages.
 - a. Home Page: includes pictures of our last National Rally, you will soon be able to download them (by clicking on it); direct e-mail access to our current board members (again by clicking on e-mail address adjacent to their name); and e-mail address for web master who is always looking for suggestions and updates.
 - b. Past & Future Outings: shows past and future outings, locations, and wagon masters for each event. I will do my best to keep it current, thereby permitting you a place to get needed information quickly and accurately. If someone knows something that is not shown or is incorrect, please advise me in writing at my web master e-mail address posted on the Home Page.
 - c. Club History: provides a short history of our chapter, along with a list of the last eight years of board members and committee persons. Hopefully helping our newcomers and showing those persons who have provided that extra effort all clubs need.

- d. Outing Pictures: provides a place where you will soon be able to download, for your files, chapter pictures by simply clicking on it.
- e. Club Members Links: provides a place where you will be soon able to download, for your files and use, all current and past chapter documents in pdf format by simply clicking on file name (i.e., Outing Flyers, Newsletters, Chapter Meeting Minutes, By-Law etc.).
- f. Other Related Links: provides access to other Alfa Owners Chapters and related website, Manufacturers, Components Manufacturers, Retailers/Information Center, Reservation Center, RV Camping Sites, and RV Points of Interest.

This web-master is always looking for additional information or ideas that can be added to this website to help our chapter members and those using the site. If anyone has any suggestion, information, website address, pictures, places to visit, or helpful organizations that I can add to our website, please do not hesitate to write me at my e-mail address posted on the front page.

In closing, thank you for your support and good memories, and I look forward to seeing all of you at our next outing.

Jim Beard, President

Minutes of Hemet Meeting

June 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Jim Beard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Kortgard.

Jim introduced the officers of the club and new member Don Moore.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed.

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

Sunshine Report

Jan thanked everyone for the cards she received during her surgery and subsequent recovery.

Al & Ernestine had a death in the family following the Rally.

Don Moore had more toes removed; we were glad he was able to attend this outing.

Cards have been sent to Bob Frushon; he is not doing well.

Gary Almada is doing well.

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

National Board of Directors

The Board of Directors have elected Bruce & Corinne Mitchell as new President and Secretary. They will be installed at their September meeting.

The Board of Directors has encouraged each chapter to set up their own website, as the factory website has not been kept up.

2007 Rally

Following the rally in Mesa, the Board of Directors had a meeting. Following is their critique of the 2007 rally:

Alfa wants to have a cut-off for rally wish lists to be 45 days prior to the rally. They need this time to insure they get the required parts to complete repairs at the rally.

It was suggested that we have more seminars on rig maintenance. It was also requested that Alfa provide a print out that outlines recommended products for maintaining rigs.

It was suggested that seminar presenters be allowed time after their seminar to answer questions.

It was suggested that meal menus be posted so that diabetics and those with food allergies can make arrangements for their needs.

The 2008 National Rally will be held April 16-22 at Lake Conroe/Houston KOA (formerly Havens Landing) in Montgomery, TX. Two hundred sites have been reserved. More sites are available but these sites will have 30 amp only. The following activities are planned for the rally:

Wine and cheese tasting. A local winery and cheese factory will provide the wine and cheese and will probably give a presentation on their products.

More time between the craft classes and craft sales.

There will possibly be a Classic Car show.

The Rally Basket theme is "Deep in the Heart of Texas". There is no limit on the number of baskets that a chapter can have.

Bowling – cost will be \$4.00 plus bowling alley fee.

Golf – at Waldon Lake in Conroe, price is \$45.00.

There will be a pet parade and scavenger hunt.

There will be a bus tour to the Johnson Space Center.

The campground will also offer water aerobics (3-4 days a week); also bocha ball, shuffle board, horse shoes and tennis are available for our use. Fishing is allowed in the lakes; but is catch and release.

The South Loafers will have a pre-rally April 12-16, 2008 at Rayford Crossing RV Park in Spring, TX. We have 40 sites reserved and the price is \$25.00 per night. Bob Hill and Frank & Jane Davies are wagon masters. Diane Sowers has volunteered to prepare one meal; if you would like to prepare a meal at the pre-rally, let us know.

The 2009 rally is scheduled for May 20-27, 2009 in Goshen, IN. This is in Amish Country near Elkhart, IN.

The South Loafers are scheduled to host the National Rally in 2011, we need suggestions for places to hold this rally. The park needs to be large enough to handle approximately 250 large rigs with a recreation hall large enough to feed 500 people.

Old Business

The new By-Laws changes were approved; a copy is included with this newsletter.

New Business

Since Bruce & Corinne will have to resign as Board of Director representatives of the South Loafers in September 2007, alternates, Al & Ernestine Blattler, have agreed to continue as our representatives until we have our regular chapter election in January 2008. If you are interested in representing the South Loafers on the Board of Directors, let us know. The representatives are elected for a 3-year term; and have three meeting a year to attend. They will also be rally master at the National Rally hosted by the South Loafers.

There have been people wanting to order the rally shirts, included in this newsletter is an order form to be sent to Bruce Mitchell.

The new flags and decals are in and will be available in Williams.

A suggestion was made that we do not wear our club vests at chapter outings; only at the National Rally. If you have any thoughts on this, contact one of the club officers.

Flags are \$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.

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Upcoming Campouts

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| August 15-20, 2007 | Railside RV Ranch
Williams, AZ
Wagon masters: Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Jim & Vonnie Beard |
| October 24-28, 2007 | Terrible's Lakeside Casino & RV Park
Parhump, NV
Wagon masters: Jim & Vonnie Beard and Pete & Roseanne Halpin |
| January 16-23, 2008 | Quartzsite
Wagon masters: Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Bob Hill |
| March 2008 | TBD
Wagon masters: Don & Jan Wallace and Jon & Barbara Zedekar |
| April 12-16, 2008 | South Loafers Pre-rally
Rayford Crossing RV Park
Spring, TX
Wagon masters: Bob Hill and Frank & Jane Davies |
| April 16-22, 2008 | National Rally
Lake Conroe/Houston KOA
Montgomery, TX |

July 23-30, 2008 Garlic Festival in Gilroy, CA
Casa de Fruta Orchard RV Park
Holister, CA
Wagon masters: Bob & Charlene Kortgard

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Kortgard
Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH LOAFERS POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM

SHIRTS WILL BE WHITE JERSEY POLO / GOLF WITH PLACKET & BUTTONS. THE SOUTH LOAFERS LOGO WILL BE ON THE LEFT CHEST. SHIRTS ARE 50% COTTON / 50% POLYESTER. SHIRTS ARE UNISEX.

COST OF SHIRTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

S - XL	\$15.50 EA
2 XL	\$17.50 EA
3 XL	\$18.50 EA

SHIRTS WILL BE READY AT THE AUGUST OUTING.

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO: Bruce or Corinne Mitchell
23810 Menifee Rd.
Nuevo, CA 92567-8922

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY **JULY 15, 2007** TO ASSURE THAT WE GET SHIRTS IN TIME FOR THE NEXT OUTING.

NAME (s) _____

QUANTITY: SM _____ M _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Shirts will be delivered at an outing. Cost **DOES NOT** include shipping to your residence. If you want them delivered to your residence, there will be, based on previous experiences, and additional charge of \$10.00.